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have to do that anyway. That's essentially all that this does, and I ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Mr. Clerk, an amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to this component, Senator Brown, AM1874. (See amendment on page 2234 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is...is probably what, in an ideal world, we should do, and it would address Senator Beutler's concerns, it would address some concerns even that I have. But it is creating an absolute firestorm. And I think that that firestorm shows some of the underlying hypocrisy about this legislation. What my amendment would do is say, fine, we don't need to have public housing authorities; we don't need to have this whole structure, if everyone wants to be able to provide housing to low-income individuals. So, it says that anyone who...essentially it says, anyone who does a development must make some of the units available for...to low-income people and accept Section 8 vouchers. We could...we could do something pretty extraordinary, we could revolutionize the whole concept of...of housing for low-income individuals, if we would do this. But for some reason the very people who have been saying, oh yes, oh yes, we really want to provide this low-income housing, we want...we want to...to have all of these RFPs and this entire process so that we can...so that we can get in there and provide this housing, don't want to have to provide this housing. I mean it has just created a firestorm. So, I'm going to pull the amendment, but it's not without some regret. And the regret says to me exactly why we have to move forward with this legislation, because the system that we have just doesn't really work for low-income individuals. And if we want to get away from what has been the failed practices of warehousing individuals in...of the past, we have to have some mechanism, some structure that allows us to do that. And I believe that that's what this bill does. I believe that all the work that