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LB 105

SENATOR TYSON: Yeah, I would just very briefly go over, for the benefit of the body, what this does. It addresses the request for proposals. And when we have a new large mixed income and mixed use project, and we have the public housing authority going for a joint venture, if it's a for-profit or not-for-profit entity, doesn't respond to the RFP, then...and one cannot be negotiated, private entity doesn't take the project itself within six months, after that the public housing authority can proceed alone. Now, for the smaller units, they can go ahead now. We keep hearing about the great need for this bill. And if you look on the statement of intent, you'll see where that great need comes from. This is a Model Housing Agency Act. It's been altered a little bit to conform to Nebraska law, but it's just another import from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, the bureaucracy of the world who, looking around for something to do, have decided to use your money. But that's fine; they do it for a lot of other things now. The point that I would make is that at least in outstate Nebraska, the area that I am somewhat familiar with, or at least my portion of outstate Nebraska, I don't see the stark need that Senator Brown, Senator Hartnett, et al. say exists. We have a public housing authority in Norfolk, Nebraska. They have been doing their thing with my assistance for quite some time. Suddenly, out of the blue, like a storm on the prairie, we see the thunder clouds rise and roll over us, we have this terrible, terrible need, but I can't see where that need comes from. We don't have any...any need for it in the area that I am familiar with. I don't know of any need for it out in Senator Jones, who is a cosponsor of this, I don't see a need in his area; he's never mentioned it. Maybe it's one of these things he's so ashamed of that he doesn't want people to know. This is a very, very simple amendment, and I ask for your support for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. The question is, shall FA245, which is part two of the divided amendment, to LB 105 be adopted. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 13 nays on that piece of the Tyson amendment, Mr. President.