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lower that to 40 percent. In other words, 60 percent then would be below that hundred percent of median income and 40 percent could be above. I think the real purpose of public housing is for those low-income, underprivileged individuals. Public housing should not be for those who can go out and purchase a home or into a rental unit with a higher income. That's all the amendment does. I would certainly move or...and certainly ask the body to approve of this. Like I said, it's...we're only replacing one word, from "sixty" to "forty", and you would have then 60 percent of those individuals must be of the lower income, 40 percent could still be above. I would ask the body's approval. Be glad to answer any questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. (Visitors introduced.) On the Jensen amendment to LB 105, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the problem with the Jensen amendment is that...is mostly because we have already flown in the face of one of the most compelling issues about this bill, and that is that you're going to have low-income people mixed into the community in a way that we don't say this is about low-income people. Part of the reason that the model legislation, the federal legislation, actually called for it to be 20 percent and 80 percent, and we had...we had gone to 40/60, was because the 20 percent of low income, then you don't...when you get much over...I think when you get anywhere over 40 percent then it becomes stigmatizing. People drive by, they say that's where low-income people live. That is what we're trying to get away from. We are trying to get away from public housing being a place where only low-income people are. It is about having within the community sufficient housing that's available to low-income people so that there is not a concentration of poverty. The other part of it is that if you're going to have a mixed income facility and you're going to have a private developer doing part of it and the public housing authority doing part of it, you have to have enough on the private side to make it go, to make it worth that private developer partnering. And so the more that we do this, do...change this, the less likely it is going to be financially feasible for...to lure that private developer. We have already...we have already limited the pool for the private