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this is an effort, these two amendments are an effort to take out two substantial portions of the bill, which if they could be done, I think would return this bill to the level of something that we all could feel comfortable with, at least. You have the concept of mixed-income in there and that's a new concept and is difficult for many of us to work with anyway as the vote on Senator Jensen's amendment indicated. But another concept that's even more difficult to work with is the one called the mixed-use concept, which allows residential and commercial to be financed and to be dealt with by this public entity. What this first amendment does is to strike everything related to commercial. It's not going to destroy or in any way, well...in any sub...it is not going to destroy the ability of the housing authorities to explore the mixed-income concept, that is where you're dealing with people who are at different income levels but it's all residential. But it would take out the troublesome aspect of the bill that involves the public housing authority and commercial enterprises of one type or another. And I'm hoping that none of us are really enthusiastic about that aspect of the bill and it certainly would make it easier for me to swallow if we did not have to deal with that aspect. So the amendment has several parts, but all of the parts relate to the same thing, striking the concept of mixed-use and all of the reference to commercial except where it has some other context that doesn't relate to mixed-use. So that there wouldn't be the exercise of eminent domain for those kind of uses. There would not be the issuing of tax-exempt bonds to finance commercial adventures. There would not be competition in the commercial area. We would eliminate that whole worry. If we could do that and one other thing, maybe many of you still are of the opinion it should be bracketed, but at least I would think we were in the ball park with something very reasonable. And I thank Senator Hartnett for working on this over the lunch hour. He spent his whole lunch hour showing me, with his staff, how this could be done and, hopefully, you will see some advantage to this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 105, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, Senator Beutler, I would just like to clarify that you are saying that currently existing