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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...would feel particularly comfortable to go out to Broken Bow and see elderly people who are not able to have a place to live by virtue of us not giving our housing authority the ability to provide that public housing. This is very fundamental. Do you believe that low-income people who are most often elderly and especially in rural areas most often elderly and often disabled, do you believe that they deserve to have a place to live? Thank you.

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

SENATOR JONES: Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I...I think I'm going to have to stand up and oppose this because I can see a lot of changes in it, and I cannot keep up with all of them. But it looks to me like it would get rid of the Meals on Wheels and I think that in Broken Bow that it's really an .cm found in phone book under Tabitha this way active program, the senior center, and I think there's a lot of people, I would say that way over half of the people in the low housing in Broken Bow that are elderly people. I don't know of hardly any of them that's what some people would call on the welfare, but there is some people in this housing that have to have Meals on Wheels, too, so that's another thing that I don't understand. So I need to...I asked...I need to ask Senator Beutler a question on that, I guess, whether that would...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Before we do that, members, if we could please keep our conversations down or take them off the floor. Thank you. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, Senator Beutler, am I reading that right where it will stop some of the services for the elderly if we happen...if your amendment gets passed on here?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, Meals on Wheels wouldn't stop. Meals on Wheels is not a housing authority program anyway. And that's...that's really part of my point. How...it's not that anybody is against services, but the questions are, how do you most efficiently provide it and how do you provide it to