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market. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is not an all or nothing amendment. Some of the language related to social programs as required by the federal government and language that talks about closely related programs is still in the bill. This amendment takes out all of the extreme language that suggests and encourages housing authorities to become more involved in expansive social programs. If Senator Brown came to this Legislature and was on General File one day and she had a bill that said every elderly...every elderly person in Senator Brown's District would get housekeeping services and X, Y, and Z services that not everybody else in the state was getting, how would you react to that? You would say that's totally unfair because if the elderly in my district are going to get that or your districts are going to get that, Senator Brown, then the ones in my district should get it. Now not in a structured way but in an unintentional way and in an indirect way, Senator Brown's bill here has the same effect because some housing authorities are going to be able to provide certain additional services and other housing authorities will not be able to. And so the people in some areas will be deprived of services that others do have. And the answer to that is that we all should be providing services to all the elderly of the state that we can afford and that we need and that are useful to us and that are good for us as a society, but we should do it for everyone on an equitable basis. This system doesn't provide equity, and in that unfairness is even more unfair to some of the elderly who don't happen to be in the right housing authority or who didn't happen to get off the waiting list and into the category of eligible...of eligible person. There are all kinds of inequities when you try to do social programs with the dog's tail instead of with the dog. Housing authority only deals with housing. Department of Health and Human Services is supposed to be dealing with the entire comprehensive picture. So I hope that in the...in the interest of equity for all needy persons and in the interest of efficient providing of services that we do not make more diffused and more confusing the nature of our delivery of social services by now