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he put in a lot of money, then the value of the whole property went up and it just made it almost impossible for him to maintain it with the tax structure that went with it, and he's sorry he ever did it. But if we had this opportunity for them to take what would be their investment money going into the repairs and rebuilding of that property, it gives them a benefit in doing that and it gives the community a benefit in having that building improved, because it's no longer deteriorating. It's now on the tax roll at a reasonable price with this program.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I think this is a very good idea, because in some instances some of this property, you know, deteriorates and deteriorates and pretty soon it's to the point where it would be better if it would be bulldozed over or got hauled away. I think there are people that would like to save some of the property like that, improve on it, and also it would be of benefit to the area, to the valuation of the community if that individual property was improved, and I think it would be very good. I very much support this.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Vrtiska and Stuhr.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. If you look at the committee statement, you'll see that this bill did not come out to the floor unanimous. I was one of those who was skeptical. I will tell you, first off, that I would prefer an older building. I love older buildings. I love architecture and I think they're worth every nickel you can put into them. Senator Bromm, I will tell you that you can paint your office. The question is whether you may or not, and I will assure you, you may not have permission to do so. However, in the issue that is before us here, I will tell you that, from my perspective, I was looking, in fact, at the fairness of the issue. As before, I'm looking at our total tax burden on everyone within our state, certainly within our locales, and I recognize the fact that every time we reduce the tax burden on one we actually increase it on those who are still left on the rolls. And I had to ask myself who stands to benefit the most when a property is renovated. Now I have lists here, and I'm