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that discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members, first of all, I apologize for being out when I was up, but I rise in opposition to the bracket motion. I want to keep these alternative plans alive to LB 759. There is a tax that is included, a provision in LB 759, that's very difficult for me and it relates back to Senator Stuthman's amendment trying to get the tax on reconstruction labor out of our revenue package. It is disproportionate to lower- and moderate-income homeowners, there's no question about it. LB 759, in its package, excludes taxing new home construction, but leaves in older homes and rehabilitation of older homes, reconstruction tax. And you got older neighborhoods like I've got that I represent, I live in southeast Omaha, practically every house in the district is over 80 years old and the entire housing market in my district relies heavily on the rehabilitation of old homes and the revitalization of the neighborhoods throughout eastern Omaha, throughout the older sections of town, rely heavily on the rehabilitation of old homes. We have an alternative. It's LB 283, which is the underlying bill here on liquor; LB 285, continuation of LB 1085 increases; and Senator Hartnett's LB 379. Them three combined, that package, equals the revenue that is available in LB 759 without the tax on reconstruction labor. So I want to do everything I can to keep these alternative or secondary revenue package available and alive and well, because that's the one I prefer. It would be very difficult for me to sign off on a revenue package that includes a tax on labor to rehabilitate old homes. It's very difficult for me. And I do want to be part of the solution, as I said on Select File. When LB 759 passed Select File, I voted no, as I voted no throughout the entire process on LB 759, and it's just because of that one provision, the provision that taxes reconstruction labor. It's very difficult for me, for my area of town, where I represent, and I know it's true for a lot of others. A lot of us come to this Legislature representing lower- to moderate-income homeowners that live in older homes that want to be able to rehabilitate, and this just provides a