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little bit of apprehension of taking this exemption out for blighted areas in our city is, of course, my fear is that it would increase renovation costs and thereby decrease, if you will, the motivation to renovate these buildings that are...I suspect this is my district is what I'm asking, like enterprise zones and places like that what they characterize as blighted areas. And do you know why this exemption was removed?

SENATOR FRIEND: I do. Senator, this bill deals specifically with new construction only. So the key is with residential building if the blighted...and I could be overstepping my bounds here, but it wouldn't be the first time so let's have at it, if a blighted piece of property in a certain area was actually razed and then a new structure was put in for residential purposes, it would apply. So to the best of my knowledge, this legislation wouldn't apply to that because you're talking about the IECC dealing with new, the way we're implementing it, with new construction. So blighted...I think what that specifically refers to and the reason that's there is because we're trying not to go out and grab the handyman and say, hey, by the way, you better build to this brand new, you know, energy standard, because a lot of them, you know, frankly, Senator Synowiecki, I mean it's just something that would be, I have determined in some ways, overextending for them. I mean...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Well, I don't want to interrupt, Senator Friend, but it indicates the Nebraska, on page 8, line 13, the "Nebraska Energy Code shall apply to all new buildings, or renovations of or additions to any existing buildings, on which construction is initiated on or after July 1, 2005." So the scope of this would be existing buildings as well, renovations of existing buildings. Am I reading that correctly?

SENATOR FRIEND: And I'm sorry, Senator, I was reading as well.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: As far as scope, I'm looking at page 8, line 13, beginning in line 13, that paragraph. And then that's where the exemption to blighted areas is removed. And that's my concern is that removing that exemption to blighted areas may cause a disincentive to renovate. And that's a legitimate concern of mine, so.