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SENATOR JENSEN: ...percentage.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, your time is next.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and I'll continue the dialogue with Senator Chambers, should he wish.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: But anyway, I think that if we...that's the reason for the word "increase." We're allowing them to say in five years maybe that \$80,000 doesn't buy as much and so now the threshold needs to be \$100,000. That's really the only variable we're talking about, I believe, in the proposed legislation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator, if you look on page 2, starting in line 10, where Senator Beutler mentioned it, any detached or attached shed, storage buildings and garage...garages incidental to the dwelling are not included in the tabulation of finished space. "Such exemption may be increased by rule and regulation of the board adopted pursuant to the Negotiated Rulemaking Act." When they say "such exemption," are they talking about 5,000 square feet of above-grade finished space, or the number of structures that are not going to be included in the tabulation of the space?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, I think they're...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because there are two things that this exemption language could apply to. Would you agree?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes. They're talking about both.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How tall is a garage?

SENATOR JENSEN: It depends on...typically, a garage would probably be 12 to 15 foot tall.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, when we talk about the single-family through four-family dwelling, that by itself is not going to tell us how tall a garage would be, does it?