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that are available throughout every community but, hopefully, it will provide them a better home and has also allowed them to be able to pay the utilities and to exist. So I really am a strong proponent of this section. I just think it can do a great deal for the state of Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further discussion on the Redfield amendment? Senator Synowiecki, followed by Senator Bourne. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Thank you, Senator Redfield, for bringing this. Senator Jensen noted I'd been involved with a group in chronic homelessness. And our largest populations in this state that are suffering from mental illness are not in our regional centers, they're in our homeless shelters, and I know this is a good step forward. Senator Redfield, if you would yield, I do have a constituent that is involved in the developing of rehabilitation for homes and the acquisition and construction of some affordable housing interest. And, Senator Redfield, his concerns centered upon the diluting of these funds, of their...can you speak to the scope of these funds as they exist now and how you see your amendment to LB 1083 impacting the current scope of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Do you yield, Senator Redfield?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes, Senator Synowiecki. The Governor had originally looked for \$3.5 million a year to be channeled into subsidies for the mentally ill, and an agreement was reached with the Appropriations Committee to channel \$1.5 million to this fund. We are looking for additional funds next year. We have had some discussions with the stakeholders, but we felt that it would be inappropriate to put any kind of increase on the documentary stamp tax into this bill, since that was not a component in the hearing.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator, I understand my constituent has had direct contact with you on this issue. You may know who I'm speaking of, and...but you can assure us that we'll look at that then next session, at the possibility of expanding the funds in