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to try to bring their homes up to code, and if they're put out of their homes they will not be given enough money to purchase a residence anywhere else, will lack the means to launch a legal defense of themselves. So there is far more involved in what we're talking about here now than the narrow area mentioned by Senator Synowiecki. His amendment would put back into the law blighted areas which would not have to conform, when there is building or renovation, to the energy efficiency standards. That would not be a wise decision to be made. You have here representatives of areas that are not as well-off as others. Senator Synowiecki, on the left hand; Senator Chambers, on the right hand. But the difference is that Senator Synowiecki represents a district that has poor people; Senator Chambers is a poor person. So I speak...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from experience. I am as concerned about the people in my area as Senator Synowiecki is in his. We have a difference of opinion about this very important issue. But I think the merits are on our side of the question. By "our" side, I mean those of us who are opposed to Senator Synowiecki's amendment and in favor of Senator Friend's bill, which is the only one that I've praised so much as I have this session even before it came before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Friend, would you yield for a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: First of all, those that have spoken, very much appreciate your remarks. And to try to kind of drive home my original intent, which I think you all understand, is renovation projects in areas of town that need some renovating, and this lifting the blanket exemption having a negative impact