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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Friend, would you yield, please?

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, I want to say thank you very much for undertaking what I know from experience is an extremely difficult negotiating process when you have all these various interests very closely involved in what happens with these energy codes. So understanding, as I think I do, the bill taken as a whole, I really want to compliment you on everything that you're getting done. If other amendments had been offered today and pushed forward to weaken this bill, I would have submitted a couple of amendments on my own in the other direction. And those amendments would have centered on that provision on page 9 of the amendment, and you might take a look at that because I wanted to talk about it just for a minute for the record, if I could. Senator Synowiecki is absolutely right. This thing is a matter of balance and a matter of some flexibility. And as I understand the system you've set up, you've allowed flexibility at different stages. For example, we adopt the 2003 standards, but the state itself can put into place changes if the overall package is equivalent to the national standards. So that's the first level of flexibility, right?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, that's...that would be the first level of flexibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR FRIEND: I thought where you were going was, you know, with the local...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm going there.

SENATOR FRIEND: You're going there, all right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the second level of flexibility, if I'm understanding it correctly, is that the county, or the city, or the village can also set up an equivalent system. It doesn't have to be exactly the same thing, is that right?