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SENATOR FRIEND:      I think, in essence, that captures part of what's happening at a local level. What the state is going to be promoting...Senator, the only reason this actually...or we have a chance to succeed with this, in my opinion, the only reason we have a chance to succeed with this, and this is answering your question, is because we were able to help these localities maintain some of that control. We've all...we've heard it over and over again, local control, local control. The kicker is that the Nebraska Energy Office in the state of Nebraska to me, and I use this rhetoric over and over again, but I believe in the rhetoric, this particular rhetoric, is that service, education and resources, that's what the state is doing in order to bring a lot of these communities that aren't adhering to these standards along with a...along with them and along with other areas...other pockets of the state that are adhering to these standards. So however the state is able to prod these folks along by giving them some flexibility in their processes and procedures will be, you know, will be the way that they go. So I mean...I hope that long-winded version of an answer helped but...

SENATOR BEUTLER:      No, that helps, but let me go forward just a little bit. So cities and municipalities, as a whole, can do something other than the 2003 codes so long as it is taken as a whole, equivalent to the national code. And then I wanted to get to, assuming I'm not misspeaking here, then I wanted to get to a third release valve, or option for local control, and that is the provision that you have discussed to some extent with Senator Synowiecki that is on page 9, that basically says that the county, city, or village can waive one of these requirements...

SENATOR HARTNETT PRESIDING

SENATOR HARTNETT:      One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER:      ...when meeting such requirements is not economically justified, is not economically justified. And I wanted to ask a little bit more about that because the way this is framed the city has the last word on this. I mean they need