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Energy Office? My answer to that would be yes. They have to show that there's going to be, I would say, significant economic harm, you know, five to ten years down the road. I mean if it's going to affect our economic development, and that's why I brought a lot of these organizations together, to make sure we didn't do that, then I don't think we're accomplishing anything.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me approach it from a little different angle. If you have...would you ever use this provision on page 9, line 21, would you ever use this as an argument simply because...

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...your profits wouldn't be as great as a contractor if you had to follow these rules?

SENATOR FRIEND: You mean a builder or organization? Yeah, well, I think that we could probably run that risk. I think though, Senator, it's probably a risk that we've been willing to take, or we are willing to take, because of the idea that all of these folks, the stakeholders that we've worked with, have the best interest of that particular homebuyer in mind. I mean, I don't mean to sound pie in the sky about it, but I truly believe that. I've met with these folks and I think they understand that cost inefficiency or cost constraints for them on the front end are some things that, you know, they can certainly deal with in order to increase the type of energy efficiency that they believe that that type of enhancement can increase. And the thing is...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Time. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I would yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know if this is appropriate to do, but I would subcontract out my time to Senator Friend to continue his response here. (Laugh)