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of historic properties. I think both in Omaha, Lincoln, and several other locations within our state, we have areas that have been designated as a national historic area. Now, not all of the properties within that area would be subject to this historic preservation. They have to be what we call contributing properties, that is, those properties who contribute to the qualification for this area. And I...the rule of thumb that they use in the Historic Society is, 85 percent of the properties within that district must be of an historical nature in order for the district itself to qualify.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: But individually, those properties that may receive the benefits from this would have to be judged on...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...their own merit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Just being in the district is not enough,...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for the purposes of this bill. Then when we come down to line 15, where there can be individually designated property pursuant to an ordinance or a resolution and approved by the State Historic Preservation Officer, that would mean it is not on the National Register of Historic Places; otherwise it wouldn't need this local or county designation. Is that correct?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's true. And this area of the...of this law probably gave us more trouble than anything. And the reason for that...reason for this designation, and the Section 2 that follows that, has to do with the fact that under nationally recognized authority...and I suppose it's the idea of giving local control. They have allowed this sort of thing, where city ordinances or resolutions may...