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communities across the state to see what's needed when it comes to finding homes for the working poor, so that's why I oppose the amendment. I do think that we should go a step further on this earmarking debate and require counties, that have not set up Internet sites with public records from the register of deeds office and the county assessor's office, to have that information available for the citizens of this state. In the long run, that not only steps us up in the information age; it will cost less money down the road to make those records available. So I see a benefit to being very specific about where this tax comes from, and there's nothing stopping the Legislature in 12 months, 3 years, 5 years from reappropriating the money that we are receiving from the documentary stamp tax. But at this time I just don't think that's appropriate, and I hope we never do go back and raid the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for any reason, because it's a bricks and mortar program that makes sense. I yield the balance of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Senator Jensen, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I reluctantly also oppose the Beutler amendment. Having been here through this last budget crisis and saw the raiding of funds, it does bother me a little bit. Yes, I want the...I want some flexibility for this body when we, however, go into those periods of downturn and depression, but this is a period of time where I think we absolutely need to ensure that there is housing for the poor; that our least of our citizens are...have the opportunity to find decent and respectable housing. You know, even our tobacco settlement dollars, which is it tax dollars? Well, it's coming off of...from the tobacco companies. When that came into the state and we set up the trust fund to allow \$50 million a year for healthcare issues, we had some unexpected fund...unexpended funds. And again the Governor, the last couple years, has tapped into those dollars and taken those away. Had those been present, perhaps there would have been some funds available from that trust fund also for housing, but it was not. Should we designate funds? I think that perhaps that we should. I recognize, and I was happy