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I want to give this tax break of \$1.5 million for some...for a governmental...a quasi-governmental function that also competes with private enterprise. That's why I'm reluctant to do it. But if you do want to do it, can you please do it to the Synowiecki bill and not this one? There's a home for this idea, there's a home for Senator Byars' idea, there's a home for Senator Louden's ideas, just someplace else. We're already at 100 million bucks a year, and Senator Beutler is chomping at the bit to make the point that we're already far too generous with these. In any coalition, any building of that coalition, you have to choke down things you're not so crazy about to get things that you do like. And let me tell you that I...as one of the no votes on the underlying bill that Senator Brown is providing here, I don't want to disturb the calculation by which LB 968 is acceptable to me by adding another one to the reasons why I don't like the bill, to the bill. So that's why I'm rising to oppose this particular amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to AM2668. I wish that I had the opportunity to tell everyone who would benefit by a tax exemption that I support their efforts. However, I think we need to be selective, and I will elaborate on why. AM2668 seeks to give a tax break to housing authorities. And while I would like to do that, I wish we had unlimited resources to do so. But in light of the fact that we have limited resources, and in light of the fact that there are operations around the state that can and do compete in the private sector, they need to pay taxes as one in the private sector would pay. When we talk about tax policy here in the Legislature, I know it's impossible to be 100 percent fair. We can at least head in that direction, and we can attempt to head in that direction. If we had restrictions on how entities, public entities, 501(c)(3)'s or otherwise, if we had restrictions and would not allow them to compete with the private sector, that would be another thing, and I would be more amenable to AM2668 and Senator Brown's efforts. She raises some good points. I'm the guy who introduced and prioritized the bill to remove the sunset for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and those dollars are working well, it's my understanding,