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with disabilities, and also families with limited income. For those reasons, I am supporting the amendment. And where it is placed I'm not debating at this time, but I am just standing in support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to ask you to think very carefully before you vote on this amendment. I would really rather Senator Brown would have pulled her amendment. You can't say that I'm unsympathetic to the cause, because last year I introduced a bill, which we actually adopted, on the doc stamp tax. And I was very concerned about having enough money for low-income housing, and particularly low-income housing for those with severe mental illness. And so I am sympathetic to the cause. But I also understand what the art of compromise is, and I believe that the bill that is before us has been an exhibit of the art of compromise. I believe we've pulled a lot of people together and a lot of ideas together, and we've crafted a bill very carefully, and I fear if we begin Christmas-treeing on this bill, the weight will pull it down. So I would ask you to consider this bill very, very...or, this amendment very, very carefully. I will be voting red, and I believe that most of the Revenue Committee is in agreement that we're not going to Christmas-tree the bill; even though there are a lot of good ideas out there, that they should stand on their own with other bills that are out there. So I'm going to ask that you might consider voting red with us. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Howard, on the Brown amendment.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. I would be the first to rise in support of benefits for low-income individuals. However, this is not an amendment that serves the resident of the unit; this is a bill to benefit a government facility, a government unit, if you will. I support the Revenue Committee's work. They have put hours and energy and certainly due consideration into the plan that they've crafted together. I'm proud of their work. We really need to