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stand in support of the homeowner, of the taxpayer, of the individual who's bearing the burden of this repair cost. I support Senator Brown in her intent. However, I certainly agree with Senator Landis; this amendment could be better served, possibly in another bill. Possibly it's an argument for another day. I support the Revenue Committee, and I support the package that they have put together. And I return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Further discussion? Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I fully understand the difficulty, when you get down to the number of days that we have left, in putting a package together that is going to garner enough votes to move forward. And I probably wouldn't feel quite so passionately about this if--because I would accept that there are other things that we do to support low-income housing--if I didn't look at the other things that we have made policy decisions about exempting. And I would say to Senator Landis that this is something that there are...there is a private sector that provides. Well, there's a private sector that provides entertainment activities, and yet we have made at least two policy decisions--the exemption of the State Fair and the exemption of Racing Commission--that is promoting a certain kind of entertainment that is provided through state auspices, over other types of entertainment. But I wondered if Senator Smith would yield to a couple questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Smith, I understand your reservation, because you have specific examples of not just the sort of general competition that Senator Landis referred to, competition of private versus public, but specific examples of housing authorities doing activities that are directly competitive with the private sector in areas that are not exactly housing. Is that correct?