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does not have a group of speculators and investors. All that it has are people in need with needs they cannot meet themselves, with needs that could be better addressed with this amendment. It is modest...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in what it would produce in terms of assistance. It is modest in terms of what it will cost the state. The amount that it would cost is frittered away on a regular basis. You could mark the benefit that is produced if this amendment is adopted. There are not many things where that can be said truthfully. So I hope you will consider this amendment and will vote to adopt it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA618 to AM2801. Open for discussion. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I am in an uncomfortable position because of the deal that I feel that I made with Senator Smith. The one thing that I would say in response to some of the things that Senator Chambers has said is that there are three main groups that utilize housing through housing authorities: generally, single-parent moms with...generally, with fairly young children; the disabled, often the disabled who have mental disabilities; and the elderly. For those rural counties, and there were a number of them in the latest analysis that actually had more deaths than they had births, those counties are very hard-pressed to have enough housing, especially for their elderly residents who are poor and in need of housing. What I will say, that if we follow through and if Senator Chambers' amendment is adopted, I have made a commitment to Senator Smith that we would look at language that would make sure that it does not apply to those activities conducted by housing authorities that are competitive with private industry and are not directly housing related. And I will move forward with that. If this amendment is adopted, I will offer that language on Select File, so that if you are inclined to vote for this but would like that piece dealt with, it will be dealt with. And with that, I will be supporting the Chambers