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this morning, but after walking through 20-inch snow, walking down these hallways here of the Capitol was almost like having a runaway. It was just, you didn't have to raise your feet up very much. And you know, I'm fairly short, and sometimes I had to hold a stick up, you know, just to see where I was at. But I want to talk a little bit about this housing authority and the tax on this. Anything that is a savings, that they won't have to pay a sales tax on anything that they do in the housing authority, the repairs, the services that they buy, those dollars will be put back into their capital fund. And what do they do with this capital fund? This capital fund either builds more housing for these people, or it improves the housing that they already have. So it does benefit these people. And I do realize, you know, that there are people that, if they can't...if there's no place for them to live except in a housing authority, they're going to be the homeless, they're going to be out on the street. And that is one thing that I do not want to see, more people on the street. So if we can help them improve their living, you know, I'm in total support of that part of it. So those are my comments, and I will either quit or I'll return the balance of my time back to Senator Brown.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, did you wish to use...Senator Brown waives the rest of her time. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. There are those who are discussing the elements of some refining of the language that's before us in the amendment, and I believe that there's some common agreement. But this is an opportunity for us to perhaps discuss some other parts of the bill that are coming up, and that may save us a little bit of time as we get to those other parts. In the income tax portion, there are three parts. And one of them that Senator Landis just alluded to was the EITC, the earned income tax credit. It exists at the federal level. It does not exist currently at the state level. Nebraska has never given one. And that is a part of the committee amendment. It was a bill that was introduced by Senator Landis. And right now in the committee amendment it exists at a percent of the federal. The reason I support an EITC is because in fact it actually benefits those who are working very, very hard to get by, but they're very low-income.