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we will try to get to that, so that we can move forward on the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Chambers, there are no other lights on. You're recognized to close on your amendment, FA618.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It has been withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Landis, Brown, and Chambers, FA619. (Legislative Journal page 1113.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, are you going to open on the amendment? Senator Landis, you're the primary introducer.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Either Senator Chambers or Senator Brown or myself could serve as the spokesperson. All three of us are on this. Let me tell you what this idea is. It's to treat a housing authority as if they were a private citizen who, in the construction or remodeling of their house, were going to do that without that being taxed. Our best guess is it's \$300,000 to \$400,000. That's off the top of my head. My guess is that there may be somewhat less than \$1 million in other purchases. I'm going to guess maybe \$600,000 to \$700,000 there would be left for the Synowiecki bill. One of the virtues is, it would leave the earned income tax credit at 8 percent, which I think is a deserving program, and I like the idea that we're not going to compress that. I also like the idea that whatever modest change we make in the total amount of cost of this bill, that...it won't run, I think, afoul of either the budget, which I think Senator Beutler's main concerns are, or the understandings that we have with the Governor. And I'll do my best to prevail on that score. I have a signal that said this would be satisfactory to them. Five of the members of the