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worked with, that has anything to do with zoning. They have control over multifamily...not multifamily, but group homes or that kind of use going into a residential area. That's a local zoning board decision. Now we don't have enough of these group homes around.

SENATOR ABOUD: Would you like...

SENATOR BROMM: We need more of them, and I understand...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...your concern but I have...I have two big concerns. One, I think your amendment is broader than you intend it to be, but more importantly I think we have sufficient safeguards, wherever there is zoning, for people to decide where they want to have group homes and where they think they should not be. And I don't think, to make a broad rule at the state level that we will allow no...no group homes with state funding to go into any area zoned for single family dwellings is...is the answer to the problem, if there's a problem. So I...at this point, unless I'm convinced otherwise, I stand opposed to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Abboud wants to silence the sirens, and he wants to shut down, or at least shut off, the group homes because his amendment does say that any contracts or whatever that are in existence at the time this nefarious thing takes effect, if we were foolish enough to do it, would remain in effect. I think Senator Bromm really summed up the situation very well. It is not as though people can come into a community under cover of darkness and, like thieves in the night, hastily erect a group home and be gone by morning, and when people wake up a lot that was vacant the night that they laid down to sleep is now occupied by a group home when they wake up in the morning. That is not going to happen. I think Senator Abboud...let me ask a question and not make a presumption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud, will you yield?