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communities of the state, but especially in Omaha. And...

SENATOR HILGERT: Sure. Well, the...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...we hope that this will access funds and that it will help in the cleanup of lead-based paint in this state.

SENATOR HILGERT: And, Senator Schrock, I'd like to commend you on your leadership on this issue, as well as your able staff. I found them very helpful, very insightful and willing to address the concerns that I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Further discussion, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock, if I could ask a couple of questions and just kind of orient myself a little bit, I would like to.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think we're all aware that the actual removal of lead-based paint from houses is extremely expensive. What I'm trying to remember and would ask if this bill has anything to do with it at all, are what kind of notices are required with respect to lead-based paint, when either somebody buys a house or when somebody rents a house, especially if somebody with children rents a house? In other words, I'm not sure how I feel about required cleanups and that sort of thing. I don't know enough about it certainly at the moment. But I do feel that if an owner or a lessor of a house with lead-based paint knows that, that there ought to be some kind of notice to families that are moving in, so at least they can make their choice as to whether it bothers them that there's lead-based paint. Because we...this is not an area where we lack science in terms of the tremendous damage it can do to children should they ingest it. We know the probabilities, I think, of ingestion are perhaps not all that high. But when it does happen, it can be devastating, as I'm sure you heard when this went through committee. And so I was trying to remind myself if