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think that by allowing them all to stay in one department, we would have a little more fluidity between the different needs.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And again, all I'm suggesting is that HHS will be intimately involved with this situation whereas the Affordable Housing Trust is an economic development tool, and I guess what I'm going to do, and I'm going to ask you for your support, if I were to explore this a little bit further, would you be agreeable...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...agreeable to maybe an amendment on Select File, if it seems...if I can make a compelling argument to you that this is a more appropriate place for this, meaning HHS run Homeless Assistance Fund rather than an economic development tool?

SENATOR REDFIELD: I think that it might be preferable to wait until next year when we increase the documentary stamp tax and create that as part of that package. That would give us an opportunity to look at how the different departments are handling the funds, and address it then so that it's in the right place.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I am going to explore this a little bit, and maybe I can persuade you on Select File to do this because I do think that this isn't an economic development situation and it should come under HHS, which is, of course, the entity that will be largely responsible for a lot of this reform. So I'm throwing that out to you. I think maybe a more appropriate place would be under the Homeless Assistance Fund, which is run by HHS, but we'll explore it a little further. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion on the Redfield amendment to the seventh component? Seeing no lights on, Senator Redfield, you're recognized to close on it, if you care to.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. You've heard the arguments, you've heard the discussion, but if you have had any