

in...in this one utility, in the Wahoo Utilities Department, they have had 120 customers participate in this program since they started it in April of 1990, and they've loaned over \$216,000. But now the installation of this equipment is becoming more expensive and it makes...it makes the program unavailable for even lots of residential users to participate in the program without raising the limit somewhat. So I would appreciate the body considering raising the limit on these loans to \$10,000. I'll be glad to answer any questions, if there are any.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Does anyone else wish to address the motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Bromm? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the motion to return LB 479. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted. We are at Select File. Senator Bromm, would you like to address your amendment further? (Bromm amendment, FA111, appears on pages 1679-80 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BROMM: Nothing...nothing further to any extent, Madam President, other than to just reiterate that I think this program that the Legislature initiated by statute some 13 years ago is an excellent program. I am surprised that more utilities are not utilizing the program. In our area, as I mentioned, there have been over 120 primarily residential owners take advantage of the program. Basically, they can get a new energy efficient furnace, a new energy efficient air conditioning system, or energy conserving type windows or weather stripping and actually borrow the money on an interest free basis and it works out very well, and the energy savings has proven to be more than the cost of inserting the modifications in the equipment and so forth. So that's the gist of it, I'd appreciate the body supporting the amendment, and, unless there are questions, I have nothing further to say.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Does anyone else wish to address the Bromm amendment? Seeing none, we will vote on the Bromm amendment to LB 479. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record,