

February 28, 1980

LB 986

recognize according to the rules Senator Murphy. The motion now is the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, that is true, the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the....excuse me, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a couple of questions of Senator George. This amendment has to do with the definition of blighted areas, Senator George?

SENATOR GEORGE: The amendment is on page 5 and that section is blighted areas, yes. It simply rephrases, cuts out "is a menace" and rephrases it as "is detrimental".

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, is that broadening the scope of what a blighted area could be?

SENATOR GEORGE: No, I don't think so. Some people simply felt that "menace" was a rather strong word in here and felt that "detrimental" would be...wouldn't be quite...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Isn't "detrimental" a less menacing word than "menace"?

SENATOR GEORGE: I guess it is a very subjective statement. I don't know whether you feel menaced more by detriment or feel more detrimental by menace. It is up to you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if the committee felt the need to change the language, what was the need that the committee felt?

SENATOR GEORGE: It was simply that this language of creating a menace was too strong.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It was too strong? So you want weaker language in there so that it makes the definition of blighted area weaker. It doesn't have to be quite so blighted. Is that the intent, Senator George?

SENATOR GEORGE: I don't think so, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee