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blighted areas, deteriorated areas, those areas that we very much want to encourage improvement to property and they can single that out for this special kind of tax relief. It is extremely important in urban centers where property declines in value as neighborhoods blight and deteriorate and where any person who puts money into the improvement of that property is faced immediately thereafter with an increased tax load. That increased tax load works as a major disincentive to improving deteriorated property. This constitutional amendment gives this body the authority to remove that kind of a penalty from the improvement of those kinds of properties. It is very important I think that we recognize the need in this state for adequate housing for all folk and as part of that recognition it is very important that we adopt this legislation so that we can make certain that persons are not taxed out of the improvements that they do make to substandard, blighted, deteriorated property. This amendment gives us the authority to do exactly that. It also gives us the authority to go further if we think we need to but if we do not believe we need to, then we can do that which we very much need to do and want to do. I would certainly urge your support for the committee amendments and for the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, how much time is left?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Three minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will just say then that I support the bill and I may have an amendment on Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't want to delay the bill but maybe I do. As I read the bill the improvements to a structure are not taxed for five years if the Legislature so desires, however, what about farm land? You see, if you improve your farm land then it is going to be taxed immediately. For instance if you level land so that it can be used for irrigation we are not having the same sort of an exemption for that because it is not a structure, so I say that the bill as written is not fair to all interests and should not be passed in its present form.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature,