

But I know if I'd have been the mayor I would have vetoed it. I don't think you should take taxpayers dollars to use them against those same taxpayers. Now Senator Chambers of course will have the last word again today. We all know that, but I just want to remind you that where Senator Chambers misled you just a couple of weeks ago and then got total recall, he is going to mislead you again today. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler, closing on his motion to indefinitely postpone LB 634.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Newell would propose to expand the law to include commercial and basically all types of enterprises. This is what I am arguing is bad policy. He says that we are limiting it to blighted or substandard areas and that this is some kind of a safeguard. I would like to read for you the definition of substandard and blighted which is presently in the community development law and which is the most likely definition to be adopted should we pass legislation on this subject. "Substandard area shall mean an area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements whether residential or nonresidential in character, which by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, age or obsolescence, inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation or open spaces, high density of population or overcrowding or the existence of conditions which endanger life, property by fire or other causes or any combination of such factors which is conducive to ill health or transmission of disease or infant mortality or juvenile delinquency or crime or is detrimental to the public health or the morals or the welfare or safety," that is substandard. Now blighted is two more paragraphs including "inadequate street layout, faulty lot layout, adequacy, accessibility, usefulness, unsanitary, diversity of ownership, tax or special assessment delinquency," I'm making one point. You have to have noodles for brains if you can't figure out how to define any area in your city is blighted and that is exactly what is going to happen and the definition of blighted or substandard is no safeguard whatsoever. What you are doing, in effect, would be to open up wide open the industrial development bond law to include commercial enterprises, retailing establishments. Let me suggest to you for a moment some of the problems you are going to be posing to your county officials and to your city officials out state if this law is passed. With broad definitions of blighted or substandard in the law as it will be, your county commissioners and your city council people are going to come under enormous pressure to designate areas as blighted or substandard. And I leave it up to your judgment given these broad kinds of definitions with literally dozens of factors to cling to, whether they will be able in any instance to with-