

Senator Beutler. I was wondering...you won't support the proposal but you want to strike that one part, right? You just want to strike...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have two amendments, Senator Newell. Only one of them deals with the question of blighted versus substandard.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let me ask you one other question. Why did you choose substandard instead of blighted?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I chose substandard because I consider that to be the lower standard and I wanted to eliminate the lower standard.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you, Senator. Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Beutler amendment and frankly maybe what we ought to do, Senator Beutler, if you are worried about the definitions in the present law, maybe we ought to come up with a brand new standard so we have to have a brand new law so you won't have to be worried about it. We can do that. We can say we are going to call it depressed areas. We can call it areas of high unemployment. We can add anything we want to to the definition, I mean to this basic bill because we come along later if it is passed and only if it is passed by the people of the state, we come along later and define them. So I want to say that I don't think this is necessary to strike that. Senator Beutler, if you've had problems with these areas we ought to define them differently. If you have a proposal that you really think will help make this bill better, one that you could support if it got on, Senator Beutler, one that you could support the bill if that sort of criteria got on, that general criteria, I would be more than happy to work with you. But I suspect, Senator Beutler, that you are a philosophical man who probably can recognize that this has more social policy reasons than some of the other proposals that you have very valiantly and very honestly opposed but because you are a philosophical man you're probably unprepared to be less than philosophical on this matter and look at it in a practical sense. I oppose the Beutler amendment. I don't think it is necessary. The definitions can be and will be clarified to the extent that this Legislature would want them later. The concerns that Senator Beutler brings forth are really very legitimate concerns and I have argued them myself on the floor of this Legislature. But the overriding reason for this proposal and the overriding reason for using blighted and substandard is simply because they are definitions that we would have some understanding of. They can be changed. I