

the record is complete. Thank you, and I do support Senator Beutler's amendment by the way which is what I got up mainly to speak on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I also rise to support Senator Beutler's amendment. I think it is appropriate that we take the word "substandard" out because how do we know what standard is. Until somebody can define standard it seems to me that we are going to have a little difficulty in defining substandard. That is almost like saying that somebody is not quite normal. I don't exactly know what normal is. Now Senator Newell is also correct, however. There are some serious philosophical differences with this issue and he is correct in his statement that certain people, and I am certainly one of those, will never vote for this bill or never vote for this type of proposition, I don't care what the language is. But in case there is enough members of this Legislature that don't share my philosophical belief then it seems to me that we definitely need to have the language that we can at least live with if this bill does pass. So I certainly do support Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak? Your light came on.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I merely want to respond to Senator Chambers and tell him that I'm so happy that you got your comic relief this morning, Senator, you're always so serious. Now put your light on so you can have the last word again because we all know that is your style. It's just like the little childish mentality, always having the last word so I will stop now. Turn on your light and you can provide the serious part of the drama.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, once again so that everybody understands the issue. The amendment deletes the word, "substandard" from the amendment which would leave the bill so that it authorized the bonds only in blighted areas, only in blighted areas and I wanted to read to you the definition of blighted so that you can clearly understand we're not exactly crowding them very much. The definition of blighted itself is so expansive as to be ridiculous. "Blighted area shall mean an area which by reason of the presence of substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures, existence of defective or inadequate street layout, faulty