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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to briefly speak to Senator Schmit's points and I will be brief. First of all, I want to say that the biggest problem that we have in many of these communities and many of these areas is the lack of jobs. When employers come, they look at where they can be...place their business where it will appreciate, the property will appreciate, it will be close to a good source of labor, it will be economically feasible to operate that plant. Frankly, the way we have set our laws today, we have bonds and proposals that basically say you can go anywhere you want to. There is no incentive for an employer to take the chance or the risk of going into a neighborhood that is distressed. And Senator Schmit's points are absolutely not well considered. Frankly, the problem is jobs. We need some incentive to bring people to the area where there is unemployment as opposed to saying, well, the market forces will take care of things. You are going to basically create an opportunity here to bring in the jobs, not just structures as Senator Schmit talks about, but jobs. Those are what are essential to the community. The opportunity to get to work is also very important. So I think Senator Schmit's suggestion here at the same time that he has supported other proposals that would go to anybody in any location, what we are trying to do here is create additional incentives to bring in jobs and employers and opportunities where the need most greatly exists.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, and I am closing on the committee amendments, am I not, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. The committee amendments again do two things. They clarify the ballot language to make more clear what it is an enterprise zone would do. Secondly, it makes it clear that the Legislature will, in the event this constitutional amendment is passed by the voters, will create language that authorizes cities and villages according to the standards we lay down to hold property taxes at a level for a period of time to encourage development in an enterprise zone, which, of course, would be inside a blighted and a substandard area.