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We have provided this mechanism for industrial activities anywhere in the state that can get...that are large enough, if the thing is large enough and get the financing. This would provide that opportunity for some smaller enterprises, some smaller businesses. This provides that opportunity and also gives an additional incentive to redevelop our older areas in all kinds of cities and villages across this state. I want to just very briefly go through the As, not the Bs, not the Cs, the Ds, etcetera, but just the As which indicate which communities would qualify for this kind of provisions: Abie, Adams, Albion, Alexandria, Alma, Amherst, Anselmo... we've got Anselmo, Ansley, Arcadia, Arnold, Arthur, Ashton, Atlanta, Auburn, Avoca, and Ayr...whatever that is, Ayr. These are the As. These are all cities, small villages that would qualify as either blighted or substandard according to the federal register and according to the way we administer block grant funds and other title, whatever UDAG grants. Now these are just some of the communities that would qualify. This bill is for the smaller enterprises and also has the very positive social purpose of trying to help redevelopment. Frankly, we have this provision, for large enterprises we have this provision presently. For that reason this bill is a companion piece of legislation. It has not authorized all this brand new stuff. It basically is an addition and it is a complement to what we presently authorize. It allows small businesses to get into business also.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I am going to be very brief. I think this issue has been discussed very much today, but Senator Landis pointed out that this is the first bill that we have dealt with and that we should do something positive today. I just want to point out to this body that any good basketball team depends on defense, and they slow the game down so they can play defense. And it seems to me that sometimes defensive maneuvers are just as important as offense. I think this is an issue and point. Whether or not we pass any bills today is not necessarily a reflection on this body...it is the quality of the type of the bills that we do advance. Now if we are here to advance bills that might be of questionable quality just in order to have certain numbers done, then I suggest you vote green all the time. But it seems to me that once in a while a point comes where it might be best to say, no, and I suggest this is that point in time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease?

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