

of this amendment and the fact that you haven't had a chance to look at it, I will withdraw it. We are going to go ahead and try to distribute it today so you can get a look at it, and see if we can move ahead on it perhaps later. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Scofield. Senator, this is your AM1176. (See page 1880 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the amendment that I mentioned on General File that I was going to bring forward on this particular bill, and I think if I understood Senator Withem correctly, he was raising a concern that this amendment addresses, and that is, what is infrastructure and how broadly do you want to define it? And this amendment simply narrows the definition of infrastructure, on page 9, line 8, after "mains"...no, it is just punctuation then, but the meat of it is really in line 9 through "excluding" and in line 15 insert "Infrastructure project shall not include." The effect of that is we exclude buildings and capital equipment used in the operation of municipal government; convention and tourism facilities; redevelopment projects defined in Section 18-2103; and mass transit and other transportation systems, including parking facilities and excluding public highways, bridges, and municipal roads, streets, and bridges. So the effect of this amendment is it leaves those things that are, in my opinion, truly infrastructure that are the least likely to be able to find another funding source. To use Senator Landis's definition that he has used frequently before, what is left in are those things that have no sex appeal, you can't have a community fund raising drive to get anybody to back them, so you end up leaving in solid waste management facilities; wastewater, storm water, water treatment works and systems, water distribution facilities, and water resources projects. Those are the kinds of things that I think are genuine infrastructure problems. They are going to become more serious as time goes on. They are expensive to address. The needs in this state are great. The certainty of even federal funding does not seem to be absolutely locked in based on information that I came across last week. So I think there will be more than enough demands to use up any of this kind of revenue without expanding it and giving it as broad a definition as currently is contained in this statute. And so