

I would ask that you narrow the definition of infrastructure as per the amendment that I offer. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Scofield amendment? Senator Warner, would you care to discuss it? Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Scofield brings us a tightening up of the bill and it is certainly up to this body to choose whether they wish to do so or not. Let me tell you that the bill came about by surveying cities for what their needs were. The list was constructed on the basis of that survey. You may wish to endorse that list. You may wish to narrow it. It is up to you. I put the list in here because it was based on a survey of a wide variety of cities with a wide variety of needs and, frankly, this list is inclusive. I certainly admit that. There were locations and facilities, cities, that were interested in pursuing these topics. That is why they appear in the bill, and if the body wishes to strike these provisions, they may. I, personally, will leave the definition section the way it is, oppose the amendment. Frankly, I think it is entirely possible there are some items in there, I know that I have had a really difficult time with transportation systems and trying to identify support for them, whether it was state funds, or local funds, or bus fares themselves, or the altering, declining, ever changing federal assistance in mass transportation. I, personally, am going to vote against the amendment. I urge you to do as well. On the other hand, I think Senator Scofield has presented us with an interesting choice here. Frankly, any list that you have is in some measure arbitrary. I would confess that. I think Senator Scofield's list has an arbitrary quality but I do think it is a tighter definition. I think this looser definition apparently fits in some of the needs that cities have and I intend to resist the amendment. I would certainly carry the bill, however, if it is successful in its outcome. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper, on the Scofield amendment, followed by Senators Hall and Withem.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise to oppose this amendment. I think that we should have had this amendment before this afternoon if we are going to consider something this drastic. At the current time, there is