

question, if you missed it, the question was I noticed the committee amendments changed it from 500 feet to 300 feet before the notices would have to be mailed on property that would be affected, and that is the current practice now. My question is, why do we want this in statute if we already have that as current practice?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Because there are some questions about whether it is essentially being done to all, and also that one administration after another, we want that practice to continue.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Then out of curiosity, Senator Pirsch, would you tell me the rationale, and I truly don't know, the magic number 300 feet, is that a reasonable number we want to put in statute for all time? You know, is 350 better, 500, why 300?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, you notice I...actually I started out with this bill 1,000 feet, and I think I was influenced by the drug sales within the 1,000 feet. The city, in numerous conferences, did convince me that 300 feet on the perimeter would, indeed, cover enough notification to satisfy me, and also the 300 feet is what they are doing now, so this will be no fiscal impact on the city.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Pirsch.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President and members, Senator Carol Pirsch, I'd like a question. Not to belabor this point, but that was my question, too, before Senator Bernard-Stevens got into it. But 300 feet, then, in some cases may be two or three houses, and in other cases, it might be only a house. It might depend on the subdivision or the location, is that...that's the intent?

SENATOR PIRSCH: That's true and, of course, this has...this was my contention when I first brought forward this bill because my area has a great deal of land area not developed, that, you know, the 1,000, the 500 feet may still be one property owner. What I am concerned about and what I have fought with my constituents time and time again is the ability to know when there is going to be a change in zoning and protect the value of