

language. Currently, cities, some cities have three-mile zoning jurisdictions and they can apply TIF within their zoning jurisdiction. This restricts it even further than it is currently. The reason we need ten miles, as I indicated in my original remarks, is that...is that the amount of property needed for this type of development is significantly large.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It's really not available within municipalities without razing huge sections...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...of cities and the type of razing within the cities would certainly not be something that people would feel supportive of. So changing from ten miles to two miles is not a good idea and I would urge people to oppose this.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Will, on the Jones amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Jones amendment. I think that the current ten-mile limit, as established in the bill, is necessary for the type of development that is contemplated by LB 830 and by the type of projects that we're talking about here. I think that we need to be as reasonable as possible in allowing cities latitude under a provision such as LB 830 has to designate areas for industrial development. And I think that, as Senator Withem indicated, the two-mile restriction proposed in this amendment is more severe and more restrictive than the current statutory requirements and I think, for that reason alone, this is probably not a wise amendment. With respect to the constitutional question about designated blighted and substandard areas, I think clearly when you look at the language of Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution, it reads, for the purpose of rehabilitating, acquiring or redeveloping substandard and blighted property in a redevelopment project as determined by law, any city or village of the state may, notwithstanding any other provision in the Constitution, and without regard to chartered limitations and restrictions, incur indebtedness, whether by bond, loans, etcetera. I think the key phrase here is "as determined by law". The Legislature determines, under the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, the