

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I would...I would respond, number one, by admitting ten miles is an arbitrary limit, but we set arbitrary limits in here all of the time. I think the comments I made in response to Senator Wickersham's, I would let those stand, maybe reiterate those a little bit. It has to be far enough out to include a wide variety of property because the specific job site needs of this type of project are pretty precise. It has to be X number of miles away from a railroad; it has to be X number of miles away from a major highway, all of those sort of things because of the vibrations, and so it needs to take in a wide enough area. The rationale of ten miles, it does indicate that their project requirements that they put out is it needs to be not more than ten miles away from the city, one to four miles preferred. That's probably the genesis of the ten miles.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you. I also have another question, Senator Withem, if you don't mind. Have you said, and have I missed it, is this approach as far as providing for a significant distance before...so that you can take advantage of increment financing such as this, having the ten-mile distance be available, is that being utilized in several other states around us, or what (interruption).

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm not familiar, I will ask people who are familiar with the global concept of tax increment financing and get you an answer. I do not know if Nebraska would be blazing a trail here with this expanded use of tax increment financing or if it's fairly commonplace in other parts of the country.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, thank you. Madam President and colleagues, I think the issue is very deserving of discussion. I think we've had some good discussion. We are departing from a past policy to a great extent and that is that growth of municipalities shall be orderly, as orderly as we can make it. I mean, despite our efforts to make it orderly, it lots of times still isn't, but zoning and those kinds of things are geared to provide for progressive growth in stages, logical sequence and this is a significant departure, and what the body has to come to grips with, are we going to...are we going to make this leap-frog in policy and depart from our past precedent and concerns and court cases, for that matter? This will become