

please. You're not under the balcony, you're on the floor. It's very nice to have you all here today. And the cookies that you received this morning are not just for the fact that it's Tuesday morning. It is Senator Carol Hudkins' birthday this morning and they are compliments of Senator Hudkins. Happy birthday, Senator. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Withem, if he is available, a question or two. Oh, here he comes. Senator Withem, I'm going to be on page 5 and I'll be discussing, starting in line 6, blighted and substandard area, the meaning of that. Now, we begin by saying the area can be within the city or cities, or within ten miles outside the city, or any combination, which means the project area could be partly within the city and partly outside the city. Is that correct, so far?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe so, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, we would have to have a sig...and these are separate bases for determining that there is a blighted, substandard area, significant areas of unimproved or insufficiently developed land. What does insufficiently developed mean?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe that this is a statement from the preexisting blighted and development property. I think the concept of insufficient would be one that would be defined by the body declaring the property blighted. I don't know that there is a statutory definition of insufficiently developed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, without having a definition, we don't say insufficiently developed for any particular purpose. This is something like a catchall phrase, and I'm not being facetious when I say these things, which could be used if everything else fails.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I don't know as I'd necessarily agree with that. I think this is language that is in the existing redevelopment language that exists to provide areas blighted...provide the blighted designation internally within cities today. And I don't think you can point to a lot of misuse of that over the years, since it's been in place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But when we were talking about blighted and