

substandard, in the past, we were not creating artificial definitions. We...most people had a general idea of what that might have meant, dilapidated buildings, poor housing conditions and such as that, but I'll move on. (b)...subdivision (b), the lack of a significant number of new and growing business enterprises. This would fit the definition...a mall would fit this definition, wouldn't it, if there were no growing...no new and growing business enterprises?

SPEAKER WITHEM: It would not in terms of this overall bill, Senator Chambers, because you still have to have \$50 million of investment, 500 new jobs, and it has to meet business requirements...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, I just want to get...I want us to see this definition so people will know how much is included in blighted and substandard area.

SPEAKER WITHEM: For a community to...under the existing law, I think there probably have been some retail mall establishments around the state built under the blighted designation. I don't know for sure. I know a hotel that you and I can walk to from here was built under the blighted...I've punched my light too, Senator Chambers, so we can continue this. I'm not trying to use up your time, but I do want to give sufficient answers to your questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I want you to have the opportunity to do it. So if I seem to be interrupting, it's not to cut you off. And if you need to continue, just let me know. What I'm getting at is we could...we could have a thriving business area, but, since no new businesses are coming in there, that could qualify as a blighted and substandard area, couldn't it, under this definition? Just look at the definition in the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Worst case scenario, you might...we might have, in the past 20 or 30 years we've had this in place, have created that possibility, I don't think you can point to examples...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...where it took place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what we're talking about now is bringing in large businesses, and if we have to sacrifice a little one,