

everything I could think of.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You heard the opening on the Chambers amendment. The lights I have on are Senator Withem, followed by Senator Kristensen. Senator Withem, on the Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, members of the body, I understand what Senator Chambers wants to do with this amendment. I do understand what his concerns are, what his concerns are that the language on page 12, line 11, does not allow discrimination by the board. First of all, the board we're talking about is the board consisting of the Governor, the State Treasurer and the Director of the Investment Council. Senator Chambers believes that this board, with this language, has no discretion whatsoever. In actuality, if you read Section 4 in its totality together, the board does have discretion, because the board has to read the definition of what is blighted and substandard and make a determination, a subjective evaluation of whether or not the project meets this definition. If they believe that it does, then they shall make the determination. If they believe that it does not, then they should not make the determination. So I don't see the problem that Senator Chambers does see. However, let me go a step further and indicate because I believe that the bill already gives discretion to this board, Senator Chambers believes that it does not and would like to see the language changed to make it crystal clear that it does have...that it does have discretion, I see no problems with changing this language. And I probably, Senator Chambers, listen carefully to what I'm going to say here, probably will be voting yes on the Chambers amendment this morning; that does not mean that if we reach a determination that by striking the word "shall" entirely and inserting the word "may" that we may open it up too much and delegate too much wide-ranging authority to this board, that we may not want to come in with tightening language to make it clear that their determination needs to be within the confines of the definition itself. So, at this point today, I am going to vote yes on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I think I understand what you want to do. And part of what Senator Withem was just visiting