

place. But nonetheless, what the amendment does is to bring into the noticing, and I'm going to read this because it's a simple, a simple amendment from the perspective of the amount of language used. On line 18, after "area", the amendment would insert that the notice would also go "to all land owners whose land is covered in whole or in part by the proposed designated blighted and substandard area". In line 20, which is the end of that paragraph, such notice shall be by certified mail, so we're reasonably sure that they get it, and then on the following page it again, on line 4, after "area", would insert, "all land owners whose land is covered in whole or in part by the proposed designated blighted and substandard area." I would indicate to you that it is my belief that those people who have the potential of having their land purchased or taken by eminent domain, or whatever the process ought to be, ought to at least have an early warning of what's going to happen to them and not read about it in the newspaper sometime. I think this is good public policy to do this. It does not, in any way, shape or form, give those landowners the authority to veto a project which government entities do have in other sections of the bill, and it is, I think, a rational approach to noticing people who stand the potential of losing what may be a lifetime accumulation of property with compensation quite possibly to be determined by a court, and you're more or less stuck with that. I think they ought to have...ought to have this notice. I would appreciate your attention to the issue in adding this amendment to LB 830 in the amended version that we have before us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President and members of the body, I'm probably going to sound like a broken record before the day is over here, or broken something or other. This is another one I'll make the same sort of remarks I made regarding Senator Wesely's approach to the sunset, and that is, Senator Coordsen, I agree with the thrust of what you're trying to do. I think that if government is going to do something that impacts upon landowners, property owners, there needs to be some provision that those individuals will, in fact, be notified. Senator Chambers has already, though, pointed out that this can be a fairly broad area that gets the blighted designation because this is a two-step process. The blighted designation is given to an area, and then within that area a specific project takes place. So it could be a very sizeable number of landowners. It