

left with a rooster and a flock of chickens. However, if you want to mess with a rooster and flock of chickens, if we recall from almost all of our ancestors' stories, that was reason to drag the shotgun out of the closet and disagree with a person quite violently who wanted to take that. Eggs we'll share, roosters and chickens are somewhat more precious to us. I think that Senator Beutler might have had something far more serious to add in the time while Senator Chambers is drafting. I do think though that this particular section, this particular amendment that I'm proposing was simply an oversight on the part of the drafter to something that's provided for and a little bit different fashion but it's provided for in our current tax increment financing blighted and substandard property designations, and I don't think that this is asking very much at all that who the people of the property owners of record, or whatever the proper term might be, be given some notice that there are plans afoot that might encompass their property. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, my remarks are not particularly on the amendment. I am assisting in giving Senator Chambers a little more time, but I thought that perhaps this would be a good time to state for the public record how I feel about this bill and where I think we are and what I'm trying to do. First of all, I should start out by saying that I'm trying to vote for this bill. I want to vote for this bill. I want us to be competitive with other states. At the same time, I want to reiterate my resentment at being caught in this economic whipsaw that continues to affect and control what we do here in the Nebraska Legislature with regard to economic development. I might go back and indicate to you years and years ago I voted against the initial tax increment financing bill. At that particular point in time, this whole thing was beginning, this whole economic competition, and at that particular point in time, for example, one of the big items was the economic development bonds. And you may recall that a state down south, in Alabama, decided they needed economic development bonds and that they would issue those tax free instead of taxing bonds. It was kind of a brand new idea back then, so they got the advantage over all the other states and then pretty soon their neighbors in the south did it because they didn't want Alabama to have the advantage, and pretty soon