

notify? Ten thousand? Is that how much land they're thinking about taking? Like the old movie said, knock on every door, they should be able to do that, unless they are considering the idea of maybe obliterating a village which, by the way, they can do. Under the existing law, not more than 35 percent of the land of one of these subdivisions can be declared blighted and substandard. There is no such limitation under LB 830 or whatever the bill is we're...830. That restriction is not retained. Several other entities could decide to obliterate a village and presumably they could do it. The masters who put this bill together have tied it into specific constitutional language that let's a city go outside of its boundaries. So let several of them get together and add up their ten miles, and somebody happens to get caught in one of those circles that overlaps, and they're through. Can that happen? We'll find out by considering the bill and asking those questions. But if we get bulldozed into a corner where we have to stop discussing the bill and the serious aspects of it, I think a mistake will be made. I'm not going to assume everybody's responsibility and everybody's obligation, so don't think because the Governor has intimidated those rural senators into silence and submission that I'm going to pick up their burden and carry it for them. Maybe I will restrict the bill so that the things I'm concerned about cannot happen within a city where my people are concerned and let them go ahead and destroy the rural areas and then see if you all want to fight for your people, and if you don't, so be it. But I know that there are some safeguards I want in this bill for those I represent. So maybe what I will do is draft an amendment that says any of these projects or any of these areas to be designated substandard which occur within the corporate limits of a city of the metropolitan class, which is Omaha, the people who are to be notified will be notified by certified mail. Then all those others outside of Omaha can be notified by first class mail or not notified at all. Sometimes the best teacher is, using this as a figure of speech, not a literal thing, a hickory stick upside the head. And when these things start to happening, people will snap awake and say, how and why. But in order that we let them know what is being negotiated on, I hope you will adopt this amendment which reinstates the language with reference to certified mail. Senator Coordsen's first thought was his better thought and I'm joining what his first thought was...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.