

the criteria that are currently in the act. There is certainly disagreement with this because of a feeling that it's going to cost too much money. The question, in my mind, is a regard for private party less important than money? I think not. It requires that, in this same paragraph, that a city or joint entity filing such area application shall, at the same time of filing such application, and this is not an application, by the way, for tax increment financing, this is an application to declare an area of the State of Nebraska located somewhere outside of the city limits and within 10 miles of a city limit, no further than 10 miles, an application to the state to do those. And it provides that the notice of such filing and a copy of such area application, that is the application by the city or joint entity, be supplied to any governing body of any other public bodies whose area of operation is covered in whole or in part by the proposed designated blighted and substandard area and also to any school district which has territory within 20 miles of the border of the proposed designated blighted and substandard area. Is it asking too much that we provide notice to the landowners who have the potential of being affected in a designated area? I think not, certainly not the landowners of record. I think it's good public policy, as I indicated to you early on in this conversation, in our current tax increment finance statutes. It requires a preliminary notice also and, in that particular case, it takes the form of a newspaper legal notice describing, describing the area to that is going to be designated blighted and substandard. So it's fairly easy for a property owner within the territory under current statute to determine whether they are, in fact, in or out of the proposed designation. When we talk about large areas, in the absence of something like this, it's conceptually possible for a city to ask for designation of all of the property in a...with the cooperation of a county, all of the property within a county that is not within an incorporated municipality to be designated as blighted and substandard and then at a future date pick from this large mass of property whatever is appropriate to fit the needs of the entity that is going to be making an application later in this process. I think that having this in does two things, one, it narrows the focus...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...of the area that can be designated and it provides to the landowners, the property owners a record within that particular area, the general area that is going to be