

continue to bring in the kind of jobs we've been getting which are not always that great. The other thing is, the blighted and substandard, what's going on with these sections that Senator Hall is talking about is they're trying to justify that change to broaden the definition of tax increment financing that Senator Withem is talking about. They're trying to find a constitutional foundation for broadening the definition because I think the original definition in our statutes reflected the Constitution. The amendment that was adopted was narrow in scope and reflected what the people wanted when they adopted it back 16, 17 years ago. But now I think we're moving away from the constitutional foundation of that language...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and we're treading into territory, in my view, that will...is unconstitutional. This is not a definition of blighted and substandard that I think would meet a fair test. What you're saying is basically farmland, vacant land is blighted and substandard and I just...I don't accept that definition. But that's what all of these sections are trying to do is to establish that that is, in fact, a constitutional definition of blighted and substandard and that's why all these sections are important to Senator Withem. He doesn't want them taken out of here because, without it, the legal framework, the house of cards build-up here that justifies this change in definition falls apart. So I do support Senator Hall's amendment because it raises, I think, some very important issues.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, again, I rise in support of the amendment because the author of it is so damned bright. But anyway, the proposal that we have in front of us, when you look at the intent language, take the time to read the 16 sections. It covers less than four pages. It is not that big a deal to sit down and read it. Read this portion of the bill and look what it does. Section (10) is what the amendment strips. The intent language lays out the, basically, the purpose behind the bill. It is the argument, the excuse, the rationale, the justification for what we do in the following 31 sections since there is 33 sections to the bill. Senator Withem says, well, we've got to go beyond the traditional approach and I know Senator Withem didn't write this