

the shortage of such housing is inimical to the safety, health, education, and welfare of the residents of the state and the growth and development of its communities, including schools, public transportation, public utilities, sources of employment, and service essential to the orderly growth and prosperity of the state and its communities. Read this stuff. It is offensive. Such conditions or combinations of some or all of them exist in both urban and rural areas, so, Senator Coordsen, it is not just me, it is you. You've got just as bad of conditions as I do, so don't look at me. I mean, I think I come from a pretty decent area. They may question...you may question their ability to choose a representative but I think I come from a pretty decent area. It says and they exist in all urban and rural areas and have prevented, these things have prevented economic and social growth. What is social growth? Social growth, in other words, it deteriorated the social fabric of the state, and it resulted and will continue to result in making such areas economic or social liabilities harmful to the social or economic well-being of the entire communities and surrounding areas in which they exist, needlessly increasing public expenditures, decreasing or limiting the tax base, limiting or reducing tax revenue, and substantially impairing or arresting the sound growth of municipalities and surrounding areas. You would think the League of Municipalities would bring in this bill. Read this stuff. Now check out section (5), and I quote: These sections (sic) are beyond remedy and control solely by regulatory process in the exercise of the police power and cannot be dealt with effectively by the ordinary operations of private enterprise. We are lost souls on our way to the forgotten beyond. We cannot recover from this without the passage of this bill. If this wasn't so serious, it would be laughable. It truly would be laughable, but it is very serious. It is language that you are going to put in the statutes, that you are going to present to people, that we are going to hand to folks, look at the proposal, the opportunity that we have in this state. Do you think the intent language will ever show up on any flyer that goes out as a prompt to business to bring into this state? Never. Not one, not once, not never. It will only show up in a brief. It will only show up for purposes of defending the measure in court. That is the purpose behind it. Move down to section, subsection (6). It says, the elimination of such conditions, the rehabilitation, acquisition, and redevelopment of substandard and blighted areas and its sale, lease, or other use for rehabilitation and redevelopment, and the application of ad valorem taxes on new investment in such