

SENATOR COORDSEN: AMO556.

SPEAKER WITHEM: AMO556, oh, okay. I will reserve judgment on the details of it, but as I was following along, it appeared to be substantially the same as what I had before me, and there may be some distinguishing characteristics, but as I understand the general characteristic of this amendment is that we will serve notice in two different fashions, depending upon what the action is. And I think this is one point that may not have been totally clear to everybody on the floor, that LB 830 really calls for two different activities; one, the designation of an area as blighted and substandard, then the second activity would be the application for a specific project within that area. I think, as Senator Chambers pointed out, through his questioning yesterday, that that first area can be much wider. What Senator Coordsen yesterday attempted to amend to require that everybody within the blighted and substandard area needed to receive mail by certi... a letter by certified mail, there was some concern about that. There was no concern, however, about making sure that everybody within the project area had sufficient notification. What this amendment does is it creates a two-tiered system of notification; notification via publication for those that will be in the blighted area, so that people do have an opportunity to appear in front of the public hearing, make their thoughts known, typical to any other sort of business that is being conducted by a local city council or local subdivision of government. The specific notice by mail would be specifically to those individuals, owners of real property described in the project application as being within the project area, and they would receive a written notice. I notice language dealing with it may be by certified mail or it may not be, I think that deals with, and I, hopefully, I see Senator Kristensen having done a quick review of the document, and I know he has some concerns about wanting to make sure people were properly notified but also not placing a overly strict burden on that notification. I'd like to hear what he thinks about the specifics within this, but my understanding of the amendment, I think it goes a long way toward resolving the issue of notification, which we needed to resolve, without putting an impossible type of burden on the local subdivision. So I plan on voting, at this point, for the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers, on the Coordsen amendment.