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tonight, coming in and taking the ground outside of. So that's really what I wanted to get across and I'd hope you'd support my amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Jones I think is addressing a problem that many of us in the hinterlands have perceived that could be bothersome to us in that it would allow, as previous...as the bill now stands, any municipality that is incorporated to acquire property that is substandard or blighted within ten miles for a project of some sort that would meet the specifications like we have. In the case of my own little town of 600 people, the three miles would apply because it is a second class city, and I'm certain that not even that much would be necessary since the town's widest point can't be more than about three-quarters of a mile from one incorporated corner to the other. And you add three miles beyond that, that's 15 or 20 times the size of the town itself anyway. So that land that is within three miles could be used and I am sure that within that size of an area any project could find what you wanted the space for since we don't have the kind of sprawling suburban crawl like the metropolitan areas do, where much of the area outside of the town has small acreages scattered out through much of that perimeter. So I think it is very appropriate that this language be put in there. It makes us feel a lot more comfortable with this annexation power that is granted in LB 830 and I strongly support. And if I had been a little quicker, I would have been able to cosponsor this with Senator Jones. Would urge the adoption of AM0587 by Senator Jones. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, I was a little concerned a little earlier when I made a suggestion to Senator Jones on how we could probably improve this amendment a little bit, and he chose not to accept it. I put in his hometown and said it should be only 150 yards from his hometown, but he didn't...that might have been special legislation. I can certainly, certainly understand that. This was one of those issues that came up on the very first day of debate on LB 830, and although the initial suggestion that Senator Jones had to