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PRESIDENT ROBAK: I believe the rest of the time is being yielded to you.

SENATOR HALL: Oh.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You have eight minutes.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, thank you, Senator Withem. I don't need the eight minutes. I did not have a hand in writing this. I saw it when it was delivered to me outside the Chamber after it had already come down from bill drafters. It is not my work product. It is, as Senator Withem stated, it might be better language to be put in a public document. I guess that's the strongest support for the measure. It is much better than the language that is currently in section 2. I intend to support the amendment because it strips out many of the provisions that were in section 2 that I personally had a problem with. I still think though that there are some areas where I would do less instead of more as this has in its place but it is a much better version and I intend to support it. Thank you. Senator Withem, I'd yield back the balance of your time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. There's an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (Chambers amendment appears on page 844 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this amendment would strike all of the subdivisions, the subsections except two, number two. And what would be left is the Legislature finds and declares and number two, the prevention and elimination of blighted and substandard areas is a matter of state public policy and public interest. That is a fact, that is a purpose for the bill. The rest of this I think is surplusage and it is not factual and I can understand that an attempt was being made to accommodate the criticisms of the existing language in the existing Section 2. But I want to ask Senator Withem this question. Senator Withem, why is it necessary to even have this statement when you consider that they want to keep that cumbersome piece of English that you and