

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem, will you yield for a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you had a chance to inquire whether what I had stated about this language on 19, about this bill having priority over anything that conflicts with it to determine whether in the opinion of whoever you talked to the language means what it says?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes. Your interpretation is correct, that inter...I believe what this says in lay terms, that if people as they examine the statutes find language in other statutes that is in conflict within the specific powers and responsibilities granted within this bill, and keep in mind this bill needs dealing with projects of 500 employers and \$50 million and approval by the board, then the language in this bill will take precedence over what may be conflicts with other statutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Withem, with that in mind, just to try to make clear the point that I'm getting at, and I think this might be impractical, but I don't know. Let's say you do have a small city and the only way they could get enough territory for Micron or any project would be to declare their entire city area blighted and substandard in addition to that land outside of the city that the bill gives it. That could now be done under this bill whereas it couldn't be done under the existing law. If the existing law, you have to take my word for it that it says 35 percent is the limit, but if it puts any limitation on the percentage, this would make it possible for a city to declare its entire area blighted and substandard for one of these projects.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That city could do so, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I'm not saying it would, remember. Now I would like to touch on, and forgive me if I seem to be jumping around, but I'm trying to touch on the issues that I want to ask you about. When we talk about a school being involved or included in the territory that would be considered blighted and substandard, that would be found on page 10, any school district which has territory within 20 miles of the border of the designated substandard area would have to be notified and could file an objection. So they don't even have