

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, meet all of the requirements of the bill. With Initiative...thank you. With Initiative 300, that cannot be done. So here is what can happen, and, remember, this is an agricultural state about which we are supposed to be concerned, but it is amazing to me that I, from the city, would bring up these issues, and from the heart of the city, and the most disadvantaged part of the city, and the farthest from any agricultural activity. An operational farm is declared blighted and substandard, and a city could do it to benefit itself or be offered so much in exchange for doing it as in the case of that nuclear waste, so these things can be done. The farm is declared blighted and substandard. The big company would take it and continue to operate it the same way it had been operating. It is blighted and substandard only for the purposes of this tax increment financing. It doesn't mean that the land, in fact, is blighted and substandard. It means under the artificial definition, so farms could be taken within the range that a city or this joint group that does the condemning can operate. The corporation could continue to operate it the same way, but here is where they could be generous. They could hire the farmer and the family and let them work as employees on what used to be their own farm. Yeah, they'd become employees of the plant. Senator Kristensen is shaking his head, so I want to give him a chance to respond to what I've said.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator, when you were talking about what they could do with it, there are other restrictions in here as to what businesses they can engage in. Now were you saying that they could continue and just have a bigger farm?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, if they were raising hogs.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It was a confinement operation.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they are raising hogs for their use, they are raising cattle for their use.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't think that that fits under the definitions in the statute of what would qualify as a business.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then we will have to look at that, but I