

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

April 5, 2000

LB 1330

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your reconsider motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. This is Senator Warner speaking at page 1362 of the transcript on LB...this is LB 829 and LB 830, so I guess those both would be covered in this transcript somewhere: Madam President and members of the Legislature, by way of explanation, the committee amendment is, in fact, a replacement of the entire bill for drafting reasons, but what I am going to do is briefly mention the changes that are included in the committee amendment from the green copy, and then Senator Withem can go ahead and deal with the sections that are...that are not changed by the committee amendment. But it was felt it was more workable if the committee amendments were all incorporated and we were working from a single bill and not have to go back and forth. So, briefly, these are the effects of what the committee amendments do. I have to digress. I didn't realize Senator Warner was so coherent because I never could understand what he was saying. Continuing: so, briefly, these are the effects of what the committee amendments do. There is a series of amendments that would correlate some of the definitions that's in LB 829 that's going to come along with LB 830. LB 830 also sets up a different procedure than what we currently have in the Redevelopment Act, which is the approval for blighted areas, which can be done solely by the governing board of a municipality. This adds an additional step, but there is a board also...there is a board also established at the state level. As drafted, that board was composed of the Governor, the Tax Commissioner, and the Director of the Department of Economic Development. Some of these things I had forgotten all about, so it's good to go back and review history. The committee felt that it would be desirable to have a broader view of people to serve on that board, so the committee amendment would strike that and would include the Governor, and the State Treasurer, and the Chairperson of the Investment Council on the assumption that that should be someone whose background would be dealing with the desirability from an economic standpoint with these projects. And the next one that we have included in the bill is that when these applications are