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overrule local municipality. If I could just get that on the record that in fact they cannot come in, overrule local municipality on an exemption to the 2003 code, I could withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, and I haven't...committee counsel is shaking his head. I...shaking his head yes, by the way, for the record. I think that unless I run over to him right now and ask him personally, I guess what I'm getting is that that's the case. I can only tell you what I understood. I mean, I don't believe, in working with the last...you know, the last five months with the Energy Office, Senator Synowiecki, that that's going to be something that would ever be necessary. Then again, I guess you never know. You guys have worked with these state agencies and stuff longer than I have. My feel has been that the intent--and that's all I could speak to, and I will give the time back to you and let you speak a little bit while I talk to committee counsel, if you will--but it was my understanding that the intent was never that the Energy Office and the state was going to come in and start laying a lot of these guidelines and sending these jurisdictions in this direction. This is what took us so long and took us months to try to bring a lot of these parties together. That's why it took us so long, because we were looking for that permissive language, Senator. So I would give you that time, and I will check with Mr. Stadtwald. Thanks.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Friend.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And again, just to harken back to my original intent, is for the truly blighted areas--I know some of the discussion here this morning was with regard to what some cities do to enhance some financing of some projects within areas of the city that are not truly blighted. My intent here is for the truly blighted areas of a municipality that these standards may at times serve as a "discentive" to undertake restorative projects. On the contrary, the blanket exemption may also serve as an incentive to undertake such projects. And my intent with regard to AM3372 was to address the activities