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word "primarily" on line 25 of page 2. And that's the provision, for those of you who don't have your bill open, that indicates that the Legislature may authorize the acquisition of real estate or personal property, and then it says, "other than property used or to be used primarily for sectarian education or study or as a place for devotional activities or religious worship." First of all, if Senator Landis would yield,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you yield to question from Senator Beutler? Senator Landis, would you...thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler, I'm sorry. I was just chatting with Senator Byars for a moment. I think your question is what's the Legislature's role in the interpretation of that piece. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, but before you answer that, let me ask you for just a kind of statement of intent. The word "primarily" comes before "for sectarian education or study" and I assume it would...it is intended to be a modifier also to the language "a place for devotional activities or religious worship."

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm going to answer yes, and then I'm going to think about it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let's assume for the moment that the answer is yes to both places. Then, if this passes, will the Legislature...or do we need any additional language, or can the Legislature on the face of it interpret by statute what it is that "primarily" will mean?

SENATOR LANDIS: I think the better way of saying it is this. The Legislature does not have the power to authorize this mechanism in the circumstance in which the property was primarily used for sectarian instruction or study or devotional activity; that the people have not given us the power through this amendment to authorize in that circumstance; so that I think there would be a constitutional issue if, for example, we said, you know what, the Legislature hereby authorizes projects in the event 60 percent...no more than 60 percent of the