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LB 924, 1143

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. You've heard the opening. There are Judiciary Committee amendments, as stated. Senator Bourne, as Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The Judiciary Committee amendment, AM2521, replaces the green copy of the bill. It strikes Sections 1 and 2 of the green copy. It clarifies that eminent domain may be used for taking private property, based upon a finding of blighted or substandard conditions, under the community development law if the private property is not agricultural land or horticultural land, as defined in Section 77-1359. Ag land is defined as...quote, agricultural land and horticultural land shall mean land which is primarily used for the production of agricultural or horticultural products, including wasteland lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with land used for the production of agriculture (sic) or horticultural products, end quote. The amendment also adds railroads to the list of entities that are exempt from the bill. The committee voted out the bill 7 to 0 with 1 member absent. I would urge the body to adopt AM2521. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Mr. Clerk, amendment to the committee amendments.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Synowiecki would move to amend with AM2929. (Legislative Journal page 1331.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, to open on AM2929.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. AM2929 would give the potential purchaser of condominiums the right to an independent inspection of the building's structural and mechanical systems after the public offering statement was received. This inspection would be at the purchaser's expense. AM2929 represents the committee amendment version of LB 1143, which was advanced by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee on an 8 to 0 vote on March 2, 2006. These sections seek to protect unsuspecting purchasers