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there, and not only that, but why they want to do it and when they want to do it. There are a lot of things that are just fundamentally different here.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I appreciate the response, Senator Friend. Senator Connealy, would you, as well, yield? Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Connealy, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you yield?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Connealy, just to give you some background, because you were not at the committee to hear the...I believe there's three eminent domain bills this year, relative to the abuses. And much of the abuse, quite frankly,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...rested with this so-called designation of blighted...and I hope you...and I just...I guess my question to you is do you agree, as the primary sponsor of the LR, with Senator Friend's assessment?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Absolutely. It brings it back to us. We take...we remove that, and it's now not necessarily just a city power. We in the Legislature can have enacting legislation that will set those, and then also a forum to come back and talk about those issues and put more restrictions on or open things up. Because of the fact now that it was in the constitution, is a city power, we really don't have an input on when a community uses it, unless there's a lawsuit, as I said before. That's really the only check on this use right now. I believe that the public ought to have an input on that, and as the legislative body and the representatives of the people, I think that the Legislature ought to have a part of this, and in some areas expand it, in some areas keep it in check.