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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you agree with what Senator Landis said?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, and maybe even to expand, I think that cities do use this politically (sic) tool. They declare something blighted and substandard, whether it is or not, and then it drives this process. And I think this will take it out of it, so that it will take some of the political shenanigans out of it, and they'll have to stand on whether it's a good project or not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, now you've confused me, because they can still say it's blighted if they want to, even if it's not. As Senator Landis said, they no longer need to use that phony label, but they can if they want to. And with your amendment, if it becomes a part of the constitution, they could still proclaim something to be blighted which is not.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it doesn't...

SENATOR CONNEALY: But they don't have to to use the economic development tool or to use eminent domain. And we've restricted...or proposed restrictions on eminent domain this year, too.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, how about if we said that property cannot be taken under the guise of its being blighted, if in fact it is not? How about if we do something like that? Then we'd take away from them the power to do that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you know what...oh.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, you're recognized.

SENATOR LANDIS: The power to take is not in this concept. It lies someplace else. Senator Connealy would return to this body the power to do that. Senator Chambers, if we wanted to draw that law, we would be able to, given that authority. I don't