

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 11, 2006 LB 924

SENATOR REDFIELD: It doesn't change any of the definitions. All it...and it would not interfere with taking for roads, utilities, schools, any other entity. It only would deal with the instance where, in fact, you would be taking for an economic development purpose, so that there would be more assurance that it was, indeed, for a public purpose.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, I just got a note from a statewide utility, a statewide electrical utility,...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...who indicated to me that this is a problem as it relates to their infrastructure. Is there...and yet you're telling me that it only applies to economic development.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Subsection 3(g) in the bill is only economic development, as I understand it. I will tell you, Senator Bourne, though, that my intent is to pull the amendment, and if you'll give me a few seconds to explain.

SENATOR BOURNE: My time is yours, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you. The reason I thought it was important to bring this before you is because we're going to pass a bill on eminent domain, and it's been a big issue in the public eye, and everyone is going to go home and say, well, we really dealt with this. And in fact, all we've really dealt with is protecting ag land, and if that's all that we needed to address in the state, I think we could be satisfied with that. But I don't know that we're sure about that. I would tell you that Senator Connealy's constitutional amendment, I think is...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Time, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Oh, thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the