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SENATOR NEWELL: Well the meaning is is that....what I have tried to do, Senator Beutler, and this is right now the way the amendments are written, that we only exclude, the way the amendments are written now without my amendment, we exclude retail but we exclude a lot of commercial things that only have a very small portion of retail in them. My amendment, my original intent was to exclude retail but not commercial from the Governor's proposal. It is an attempt, Senator Beutler, to get closer to what the Governor wanted which is, in fact, to allow commercial and retail but it is not an attempt to go as far as the Governor wanted. It is a compromise, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, let's go over it item by item, Senator Newell. First of all the Governor's provision would have allowed commercial. Now you are allowing commercial in blighted areas and you are allowing commercial in what other instances?

SENATOR NEWELL: All right, Senator, the Governor's proposal would have allowed commercial, retail, everything, anything. Okay? The committee amendments which I sponsored in the committee said we want to exclude retail but because of the problem in drafting we excluded retail and commercial because the committee counsel felt safer to go a step further than I wanted because there would be some retail in some of these activities. So I worked on the amendment pursuant to what was my original intent and I am offering it as an amendment to the committee amendments. That would do this, Senator Beutler. Now it would say that a hotel or a motel is primarily commercial and not primarily retail.

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: There is one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: That auditoriums and...if you want to speak now...that sporting events and that sort of stuff would be primarily commercial so I am trying to say there is a distinction between retail and commercial and I want to offer the authority to use that in commercial areas but also then to say in blighted substandard areas that we would be able to do all those things as the Governor originally wanted.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, I would ask for a division of the question for openers.

PRESIDENT: How would you propose to do that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would ask to have subsection (c) starting