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SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I had...Senator Withem, I'm sorry, you were out of the room when I was concerned, is there anything that actually marks up the new language, or I know you're right, a lot of this is existing and some is new, and it's hard to know which is the new and which is...and I know you've got the one summary sheet, but it's not very clear. And I guess I was wondering, is there any way for somebody to...it doesn't have to be done right now, but at some point could we get an idea of what is the new and what is (inaudible)?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Sure, I'll give you my pen and...no, no. Seriously, I think there probably is a way we can do that. I would ask those people that have worked on the drafting of this if they could flag what is existing language,...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...what definitions may have changed, what those changes were, for purposes of better explanation.

SENATOR WESELY: That would be very helpful, I'd appreciate that. I'll yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, you have approximately four minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Wesely. My time ran out while I was trying to give some background on the point that I'm trying to get across. And I'm going to try to do it again. Currently, as Senator Withem says, there is a definition in statute for blighted and substandard property. This bill may use some of that language. But here's the point I'm trying to emphasize, without having a large company looming in the background, certain areas are not going to be declared blighted and substandard under that definition. For example, if you have a business area that is operating and the businesses are successful, nobody is going to think about declaring that a blighted and substandard area. But if it happens to fall within the purview of some large company that wants to come here, then that area which currently would not be deemed blighted and substandard can receive that designation under this bill. I'm saying that this bill gives an incentive to declare land blighted and substandard which does not exist without it. Without this bill, that company cannot come here