

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I guess, widespread loss of life, I don't know how you would...would define that, but maybe...maybe...here again, I think it's something that I would like to be able to work with you when we get on Final Reading to maybe, before that time, be able to get together and get this resolved so that it is, in fact, as tight as we can make it and still be able to provide some assistance in unusual circumstances.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure. And I'm not thinking of a definition now but just to try to get some legislative intent with reference to what we mean by the definition that we already have there. Mr. Speaker, is this my third time speaking on this particular issue?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Our records indicate it's your second.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, thanks I'm going to speak (inaudible)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: And your time is up, and you are recognized to speak for your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Vrtiska, the reason I'm doing this is to try to get the legislative intent, the history that, if this would go to court, may provide the court with some understanding of what we intended. The only amendment that would be necessary, if I were going to offer one, to make clear what I'm talking about, would be in line 15, to place a colon after "severe". Then they might put little numbers in front of each one of these items. But that may not be necessary if we make it clear that we're not talking about the loss of one life as being a qualifying element or the destruction of one barn, or one house, or one fence. We're talking about substantial problems, at least that's my intent. And if that is not the intent of others, then it would be, once you have a natural...you have this disaster, you broaden it, because if there is an application of the words "widespread or severe" only to the word that follows it, which would be "damage", then the injury to humans or property would not have to be widespread or severe. The loss of life or the loss of property would not have to be widespread or severe. You could have a wind storm that would kill one person, that would blow over one barn, and that