

draft of the bill they came to us and they said, your language is too broad. I think Senator Vickers even when he read the original draft of this bill recently kind of had the same idea that it was a little bit too broad when we said originally all other necessary governmental services. The first committee amendment limits that down by stating public purposes specifically authorized in this section so that the SID's powers would not in any way be expanded by a liberal interpretation of this clause. That is what the first amendment does. The second amendment, and let me read that to you, adds one additional power to an SID and that includes protecting sidewalks, streets, highways and roads from floods and erosion. Again, this was a matter of a legal interpretation. One SID's attorney had stipulated to that SID trustees, no, you cannot perform particular public improvement functions because you are not authorized to under statute. This particular language would allow them in cases where they need to do some flood control that might improve some of their property within an SID that they could, in fact, do that. With that, unless there are questions, I would urge you to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We need a little help here, don't we, Senator Withem? Okay, record, Mr. Clerk. Thank you.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are adopted. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, just a quick comment also about this particular bill. It really has nothing to do with the formation of SIDs or the powers that the developers might have to form SIDs. This is a bill designed to help those resident trustees who are living in an SID that has existed for a good number of years, help them carry out their responsibilities to provide governmental services for their residents. With that, I urge you to advance this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.