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I oppose taking property but it is a necessary evil due to abandoned houses in the cities. This will be a neutral testimony because I speak to both sides of the issue.

This is a piece of legislation that the state of Kansas needs in order to control the blighted houses in the cities across the state. I do understand there are many disadvantaged people across the state without the means to repair their homes because of age, and lack of funds.

I am in favor of personal property rights, but this bill addresses abandoned houses that have been vacant and owners were not found to take responsibility, or have interest in the property.

The bill allows for an extended amount of time for property owners to repair their personal property if they want to claim the property. If they are willing to make repairs to a blighted house, and make the house livable, it would benefit the neighborhood and the city.

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