

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Crosby and Chambers would move to override the Governor's veto with respect to the Nebraska Research and Development Authority.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I am bringing this motion to override on the Nebraska Research and Development Authority because I think that this is a program that is working. And when you talk about economic development...I am having a Page hand out to you right now a run down on the...Page, I let...well, she took my figures, so it's all right. I handed the whole thing to her and I was going to start reading. But it is a program that is working. And, just recently, all of you received a letter that I did, I'm sure, from Spiro Tech in Omaha, a brand new organization that has taken advantage of this program and it's doing so many things across the state. It's capital money, venture capital, and it has a good record and I just think that to cut the whole thing out right now is really going to hurt the state as far as economic development is concerned. Thank you very much. The...right now, the first four years, I will read just a little bit to you, the mission is to strengthen Nebraska's economy by actively supporting business development and technology transfer through structured investment and proactive partnering with the business community. The people that are on that board are topnotch business people in the State of Nebraska and last night it was my privilege to attend the Newcomer Society Dinner that honored Harris Laboratories and which started out with Lew Harris and his wife in a little lab downtown in what's now known as Centerstone in Lincoln. And Mr. Harris, whom I greatly respect, Dr. Harris, is a member of that board, and his...that's just indicative of the caliber of the people who are on this board. So, with that, I am just going to ask you to support the restoration of this money. I know it's a big sum but it's the kind of money that brings money back to Nebraska and to these businesses that get the benefit of it. So I do appreciate Senator Chambers saying that he would help because I am also very helpful and I'm going to support his...his part of it for North Omaha. So, Senator Chambers. Oh, thank you. I will stop there and let anyone else that will talk, talk. And then I will close.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wesely.