

Fortune 500 company that employs thousands of people throughout the state. That is the idea of the R&D Authority, and I think it is a worthwhile project, and I feel that this money is going to be well used. I would urge override of the veto.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President. I would just say two or three more things concerning the whole picture, the program itself. I hate to see it completely wiped out because I know there are some personality problems. I understand that, that there had been a change of administration and perhaps everybody doesn't agree with exactly the way everything is being done, but at this time, it would seem to me we would be more concerned in keeping the program going and sitting down with these people and the board and working those things out, instead of just wiping the program out. For me, that just isn't fiscally sound to do that. When we had the hearing in Appropriations, I was most impressed with the people who came in, who were the beneficiaries of this program. One company at Plattsmouth, which are a very small group, and they are distributing this piece they manufacture all over the country, and they go...it is a very small group that works and does this. They go to the plants and install the machinery themselves. Another one, a man from Kearney, who has been active in it from the very beginning, and he is from Kearney State College, now UNK, and he was just so enthusiastic and had such a wonderful background in what he was doing that you just gain enthusiasm from those people for the program. So I would like to reiterate again that naturally every business isn't going to succeed. That is the law of probabilities would go to work there, the law of probabilities would make it improbable that every single business will succeed, but in Nebraska, especially when we talk about economic development in the smaller towns, this program is very important. And I just think that we need not to just wipe it out but give it a second chance, and let some of us who have a feeling about it sit down with the administrators and be up front with them and be up front with the board, and lay it all out on the table, all our concerns about it, that perhaps if you think administrative costs are too high, fine, but don't just wipe the program out. Let it work and continue to work and sit down with them and get it straightened out. So with that I will allow somebody else to speak. Thank you.

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