

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair, are any other lights on?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Yes, there are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I will see what others would have to say.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I will now recognize senators wishing to address the Chambers amendment. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. Just real briefly. I...it's a very complicated issue and it's kind of unfortunate that, I guess, in some ways that it came up unexpectedly at this point. I have requested some information from the Department of Economic Development to get more facts on the situation and haven't had that forthcoming. Again, my concern is the exposure to the state that's already occurred and the potential additional exposure that this resolution calls for. And it's not of being opposed to bringing the plant, it's not being opposed, Senator Schmit, to having it located in Nebraska City or Otoe County, I think that's wonderful, it would be absolutely great. But the question is the tax liability that we're taking and is it worth the amount of money we're talking about. And I am completely consistent on this viewpoint. On LB 775, as you recall, I fought hard to get some analysis of projects done. I've tried to cut back that program, even though it does benefit companies in Lincoln and Goodyear in particular and I am consistent in my concern that before we throw money at problems that we have some sense of what we get back for that investment, particularly in economic development programs. Sometimes we can know that, sometimes we can't, but particularly in economic development we're able to do cost benefit analysis that should give us a sense of whether or not we want to make investments. That's what the business side does. That's what government ought to be doing as well before we come to an agreement. What I'm concern about, again, the Chambers amendment says consider this and that makes sense to me because I...I could, obviously, would want to consider this and look to trying to help this plant take place but I couldn't feel obligated to say that we will take the necessary action because I don't know that that will happen, depending on what information we get which we do not have at this time. One of the concerns that I have is that Senator Wehrbein has talked about this extension of