

SPEAKER WITHEM: That was one of the amendments that the Revenue Committee did place in the bill because of concerns about the...from the electrical industry, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Withem, your light is next.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I would like to, since the last time Senator Will offered me some time until now, there are some new arguments that were raised. One of them, Senator Wickersham's perception of this bill is that within two miles of a city there is just tons of property and that that ought to be enough. That wasn't exactly the way you said it but that's kind of the characterization that I received from what you were saying, that two miles is enough if you take an arc around the City of Omaha and go out two miles, there would be plenty of property in there to put in, to find the amount of acreage, the acreage needed here. First of all, around the City of Omaha, most of that area is already developed. It is not virgin prairie around and I'm not trying to be...these words are coming to my mind and I'm not trying to be cynical or smart-alecky yet, I'll get that way a little later on in the day probably. I'm not trying to do that just yet. But it's not virgin prairie, it's developed property, property that is already...that is already there. So the two miles would not allow sufficient property. Further, you know, getting specific to the Micron issue, they have very specific needs and I think that that was within the proposal that they put out to site...for part of their site selection process, that unlike some of these that want to be very close to airports and railroad and highways, because of the tolerances needed in manufacturing computer chips, there can be just incredibly slight vibrations available, so it cannot...it has to be X number of miles away from a railroad. It has to be X number of miles away from a superhighway, from an airport because of the vibrations that these properties cause in the ground. The tolerances around which they manufacture computer chips, I mean, down to the width of a percentage of the width of human hair will throw off the tolerances of manufacturing of computer chips entirely. So it's not just one...these aren't 7-Elevens where you could go out and just pick a piece of property and say, there's a piece of property, let's put up our plant. The requirements are pretty significant. The water requirements are