

need to think a little broader. You also need to think that this is a plant that would hire 3,500 people. That is, in essence, of putting a city the size of Wahoo or Aurora. Now you don't want a city that size confined within a mile or two miles of a city. They need more than that. Senator Coordsen mentioned what is contiguous. Contiguous can mean via road or can also mean contiguous via utilities. We also need to think about this type of a plant. Micron is going to build a campus style of a development. In other words, there's going to be multiple buildings, at least five. They will cover several hundred acres in themselves. They are very interested in green space. They have restrictions that they don't want to be near a railroad because of vibration. They don't want to be in a flight path of airlines. They do not even desire to be immediately up next to an interstate. So there are limited areas where this can go in. But I also want you to think a little bit about some of the development that is going on within Nebraska. In December, at the request of Senator Robinson, a group of us went up to Blair to tour the Cargill plant, a magnificent facility that will come on line here in the next couple months. They had a thousand construction workers up there working on one plant, both union and nonunion working together, probably one of the greatest construction combinations that I've seen in Nebraska, and yet this plant is really, I think, more than two miles from downtown Blair. Grand Island, look at the development that has taken place along the old Highway 30. I call it the new Highway 30. Also, Grand Island is very interested in developing that old ordinance plant which is a blighted area and I wish them well. I think it's an outstanding development. All this is saying that two miles is much too short. Ten miles would probably be about right, and if we are to bring in a Micron facility, it is absolutely within it's realm that that is about the right size. We really need to think about what is happening in Nebraska itself. In 1993, the League of Women Voters said we had a 2,000 out-migration of persons out of the State of Nebraska, 2,000. I don't know what the figures are from last year in 1994, but all I know is that we spend millions of dollars on our university and yet so many of the people that graduate from our fine institutions are leaving this state. Here we have an opportunity to provide jobs...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...for the young people in this state, the