

Micron and, frankly, you just can't do that under the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. The constitution prohibits special legislation that grants any corporation any special or exclusive privileges, immunity, or franchises, whatever, and I am afraid that if we adopt this amendment, we'd be raising the employment threshold to such an extent that we would be doing exactly that. The drafters of this legislation have very carefully tailored its provisions to make it as exclusive as possible, that is to set the threshold as high as possible, so that we will be attracting a certain class of corporations, but at the same time leaving it open so that we are not tailoring it to any one specific corporation, even though there is one on the horizon right now that is receiving all the attention at this point. But the fact is that the way the bill is drafted, with the 500 and \$50 million requirements, there are other corporations, we know of at least one, that as Senatc Withem has talked about, that already would have qualified under the bill, and conceivably there could be others in the future as well. But the more we ratchet up those levels, the more potential problems we run into with unconstitutionality with respect to the special legislation clause of the constitution. So I would submit to you that the adoption of this amendment would bring us not just perilously close but would make this, in essence, special legislation and would run afoul with the Nebraska Constitution. So I would urge you to keep the limit where it is in the legislation right now at 500 new employees. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I'd like to ask Senator Coordsen a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Coordsen, I've been reading through this amended version, which now is the bill. What page is your amendment on?

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is on page 5, I apologize for that, page 5...no, excuse me, excuse me, I was looking at page 5 before, let me...page 15, line 23, after the word "least" insert "two thousand".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, and members of