

SENATOR WARNER: Well, they have two different...two different purposes; 830 expends incremental financing that would only have been available if the location met the current law requirements, which, obviously, would be hard to do, and LB 829 has the job training, job credit aspect, which is a combination employer-employee agreed to funding, which that would be in addition to what might qualify under 775.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay, thank you, Senator. I think you can see that the bill is designed for Micron, and I think Senator Coordsen's amendment is exactly what Micron needs. They say they are going to bring in 3,500 employees, and Senator Coordsen's amendment is exactly within that frame of employees. So I think it is a good amendment. It would affect only large companies like that. We are not looking at companies that are going to have 500 people. We already have 775 for them. So I think this is a good amendment that Senator Coordsen has and I would certainly support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and members of the Legislature. I don't know if this is only going to help Omaha. I hope it doesn't. I hope this is something that we can use in my district in the years to come. I certainly hope it does that. A couple of weeks ago we were talking about a rural economic development bill that would provide \$250,000 to get people to collaborate to encourage economic development in this state. This isn't bad public policy. You know, we are doing the right things. I hope, I hope that circumstances allow for orderly growth in my district that would allow a business to come in and invest \$50 million and 500 jobs, but you raise that threshold to 2,500 or 2,000 or 1,500, and you take that opportunity away from my district. And so I am very much opposed to the Coordsen amendment. I hope that this is something that we can continue to work on and refine because this is important not to just Omaha but to the entire state. I am not ready to concede that this is only going to benefit Omaha, Nebraska. I can't look down the road a year or a year and a half or five years. I think there is potential for this to help other parts of the state. In addition, we are not talking about state decisions here, we are talking about local decisions. We are talking about local money. We are not