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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before we go on to the next speaker, earlier Senator Jones had his visitor, Luke Fischer from Valentine, and at the present time, we have Tara and John Hudson from Kearney under the north balcony, who are guests of Senator Cudaback. Would you please welcome these guests. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, there was a point that I was intending to make but we are so close to the noonhour I won't try to make it now but I do want to touch on some of the things Senator Withem mentioned. He had said that one of the questions that Micron asked was about an incentive package that Nebraska had. I would like to ask Senator Withem, did I understand you correctly that one of the questions that Micron did ask about was the type of incentive package Nebraska might have available?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe that was one of the questions certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that if Nebraska could have an incentive which no other state was able to offer, that might give them a leg up even if it didn't guarantee that Micron would come to Nebraska?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I don't...I don't know. It would depend on how it tied into Micron's particular corporate structure and their needs. There were states that were eliminated from contention that had better incentive packages, training packages, things like that than Ne...oh, Iowa has a better job training package than what we have in Nebraska or what these bills would give us. Iowa was eliminated from their...from contention.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, suppose it were to be something that would maybe enhance Micron's image, although it is not something concrete like a job training program, which was not enough to bring them to Iowa, and something that would be so unique that Micron could say they are the only company in the world which has this at its disposal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I will...we will have this discussion when your next amendment comes up, I have a feeling, so I will wait and respond at that time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It is not on that amendment. What I was