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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But in all seriousness, I don't believe the company is coming here, I really don't. People in Nebraska are awed by the fact that their football team won the football championship, and that is the biggest thing that Nebraska can talk about. That's what covered the front pages. It involved the Governor, it involved the Legislature, it involved all the people who are supposed to be important in this state, and when a state has so little on its mind, then a company could have second thoughts. What are the cultural benefits of Nebraska? Nebraskans fear the concept of diversity. Nebraskans still believe in racism. There are still serious problems with the police. The kind of things that would lead a corporation to feel that this, indeed, is a good life, there are not social problems which are not being addressed. It is not the case in Nebraska. This Legislature shies away from anything that would bring this state into the beginning of the twentieth century. The narrow-mindedness, the intolerance, the bigotry are thick enough to cut with a knife. Has anybody checked to find out how many gay people work for Micron, or are in Micron's management? Have you checked that out. Nebraska is one of the most homophobic states in the country, and don't fool yourselves into thinking that corporations don't pay attention to these things. One of the arguments made about not giving protection to the rights of gay people, when it comes to employment, is the argument that they get these high-tech jobs, these high-paying jobs, they are well educated, they do this, they do that, do you think that a company the size of Micron has no gay people, when in the military they have the large number that they have, when there are actual policies against them, attempts to weed them out, and they couldn't do it. Nebraska is not in the running, in my opinion. Now what you all ought to do if you are smart is take my remarks and take them to Micron and say help us put this guy in his place...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.