

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...once and for all, come to Nebraska. Then I will accept your thanks for bringing Micron here as I accept your thanks every month, even though they are not expressed, for your expenses which you get as a member of the Legislature. But think, if you will, about the cultural aspects and the cultural milieu of a state which is, when that state is trying to invite a corporation that I am sure has people of every ethnic, racial, and religious derivation and probably sexual orientation that is imaginable, and they come to Nebraska and maybe their house gets burned down, maybe the kids are ridiculed, maybe they read about that statement by the Department of Social Services that if somebody is gay they can't be considered for...to be a foster parent, or if two people are not married but in the same household, they can't be considered as foster...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...parents, and some of these other official government policies.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no further lights for the discussion on the Coordsen amendment, Senator Coordsen, would you like to close.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Madam President, I would be extremely pleased to be afforded the opportunity to close. Somewhat of a far-reaching discussion on the amendment, sometimes on point, sometimes perhaps a little bit afield, but it afforded people the opportunity to express concerns of theirs that are important to them when we discuss any issue of an economic development package. Yes, my friends, I recognize that we are in competition under the current economic development scenario in...with other states, and I recognize that when you are in a ship of fools sometimes you have to behave like one and the states will do that until some entity, probably national in scope, unscrews the sea plug and floods the ship. And as I indicated to you, this is what happened not altogether that many years ago when the railroad industry perpetrated this same sort of behavior, not that Micron is doing anything, but the same sort of activity went on and finally there was a national effort that...that placed restrictions upon them. I am not opposed certainly to a bid effort for Micron to come to Nebraska, because I am a realist. I am not opposed to Micron coming to Nebraska should they decide that we provide a good environment for them that they want to be here, that their employees want to