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for the purposes articulated as the drafters may tell us. And I'm not going to say they deliberately misled us, but there are things of import in this bill that we need to discuss. And to tailgate, for the small amount of time I may have left in my close, or what I was saying earlier, within that project area that has been declared blighted and substandard, which to the naked eye wouldn't appear to be blighted and substandard, there are businesses, they have clientele, they are turning a profit, they have employees, and they even give their employees employee benefits, like health insurance. If they are within the project area and a big company like Micron wants to come in, or if ConAgra wants to expand under an amendment that Senator Warner is going to offer, then whether it's a residential area, a business area, a combination of them, that land can be condemned through the cities' eminent domain power and taken from those people and given to the company. At first, I wasn't going to take a vote on this, but I think I am because I want a record of what Omaha senators would not do. They will not change a mere name, but they'll give away everything that pertains to the life blood and health of a city and a community. Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have left?

SENATOR HALL: You have approximately two minutes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In order to see how many we have here for other purposes, I'm going to ask for a call of the house and then I'll finish.

SENATOR HALL: Question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: The house is under call. Will all members return to the Chamber, record your presence, the house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Chambers, to continue on your close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, what this amendment does is to say that the name of the City of Omaha henceforth and forever will be Micronesia. One of the senators said, tell us how to spell it first. M-i-c-r-o-n-e-s-i-a, something like part of amnesia, it's something which would make Omaha be a thing of the past, forgotten. This amendment...