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particular proposition and then lose the war because the bill is in a form that cannot stand. And if Micron has any attorneys and those attorneys have two brain cells working and these bills constitute the lure, those attorneys, I'm sure, will examine this legislation and see if it stands a likelihood of being challenged. And why should they go through a risky situation with Nebraska where, by the way, I assure you they're not coming, when they say that a site in Oklahoma City, another site in Utah County meets their needs. And here is something else to consider and I would ask Senator Withem to put on his thinking cap and consider it even if others don't, if there is something that you want and you can find it across the road or you can find it over in Iowa or Kansas or Oklahoma, why would you go to Iowa, Kansas or Oklahoma if all of your needs can be met across the road? If a site in Utah, which I think is close to Idaho last time I looked at the map, but, based on the way we legislate and create definitions, we may have changed the face of the map also, why should they come to Nebraska? I'd like to ask Senator Jones a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jones.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Jones, this is not directly on the bill, but is 2 million gallons a day of groundwater a substantial amount of water or is that not very much?

SENATOR JONES: That's a lot of water.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you. Senator Withem has left his seat but I would...well, I'll bring that up later but here's what I want to mention. Oh, here he is, Senator Withem, because Senator Bernard-Stevens' time will run out and I don't know if he will give me any more, so I have to strike while the iron is hot. Senator Withem, do you agree with Senator Jones that 2 million gallons of groundwater a day is a sizeable amount of water?

SENATOR WITHEM: I would agree that it is a sizeable amount of water, but it is not one that is my understanding would deplete an aquifer or cause any problems with that amount of water being used.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we know that, at a minimum, that is what Micron is going to need, 2 million gallons a day.