

the local city for. He indicated there's a much more profound impact on the other bill. I, gosh, I'd sure hate to see what would be more profound than that. I think the language in the bill is, more than anything, making us aware, yes, there is an impact on school districts. One of the problems, Senator Wickersham, with, philosophically, with the whole concept of tax increment financing is you do have a city making a decision that impacts on other subdivisions, but I don't think indicating that a multimillion dollar bill could be sent by a school district to a city council, expecting them to pay that and doing this with a simple little "may" to "shall" is an appropriate practice in this case. I do not think this is a good amendment. I will not be voting for the amendment. I think it's probably unworkable in practice. I think it's one of those sort of things that the language in here I believe came from the committee in terms of making us aware that there will be impact on other subdivisions and I think that's an appropriate part of the debate is to make people aware of that, but I certainly do not think it is a good amendment and I would urge you to vote it down.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any further discussion of the Wickersham amendment? Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, thank you, Madam President. I'm appreciative of the fact that Senator Withem acknowledges that the impacts are going to be great in terms of lost dollars for school districts by a project like Micron. As those dollars are lost, they are lost not only in the school district where that project resides, those projects, those tax dollars are lost in many other school districts across the State of Nebraska and that's really the point that I think this body needs to understand and appreciate so that all of you who wish to vote for this piece of legislation, if it's not changed to accommodate this particular problem, can with confidence go home and tell the people in your school district that you voted to increase their property taxes to help pay for a Micron plant someplace in eastern Nebraska. Now the change in the local property taxes might be so small that you can tell them it's less than a postage stamp or less than a beer down at the beer hall or less than some other de minimis amount that you want to try to talk to them about, but the fact of the matter is that will be the result. And I don't know if they will realize that, I don't know if you'll remember tomorrow that that's what you voted to do, but that is, in fact, what you'll be voting to do