

Oftentimes, we don't look at it when it is presented as a piece of the package. In this proposal, I believe that the intent language is very important to take a look at and I started on page 3 which happened to be where I opened the white copy, the committee amendments, if you will, to the bill. I just happened to...my eye caught on section (10) so when I went through the balance of the bill I started to draft the amendments from section (10) there on and then worked my way back. But section (10) of the bill reads as follows. It says, Nebraska, and listen to this because, I mean, you really have to think about this because it says a lot when you're going to place this in statute. It says, "Nebraska has been unable to attract to the state a sufficient number of major business expansion and relocation projects of the type needed to stimulate the growth of population and quality jobs for the citizens to address the rehabilitation and redevelopment of such blighted and substandard areas. Such major projects and the economic activity they create have the capability to help eliminate the blighted and substandard areas in this state." Think about that. Section (10) says that we have done nothing in this area, that we have been unable to attract the type of major businesses that will take care of our...this newly created blighted area that we create through definition. And what it says, for the most part, we're going to adopt into statute that we have done a lousy job in this area, in effect, 775 hasn't worked. What we did in 1987 with the passage of the growth and development act has not worked. That's what this language says. We are going to adopt into statute, for whatever the sunset may be for this section, the fact that Nebraska has done a bad job in this area. We have not attracted sufficient number of major business expansion and relocation projects of the type needed to stimulate the growth of population and quality jobs for the citizens to address the rehabilitation and redevelopment of such blighted and substandard areas. We're talking about, in the case of such blighted and substandard areas, virgin crop ground is what we're talking about, in effect, you're talking about 10 miles outside the city limits. You're talking about an area that has never been within the definition of a substandard or blighted area before. We're creating a definition that, on its face, is incongruent with what we know to be substandard and blighted. But yet we say in the intent language that as a state we haven't done a job in this area and that's the kind of language we're going to put into this bill? I thought the idea behind the proposal was to create incentives for people like a Micron to come to our state. And, frankly, I have to tell you