

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to support Senator Hall's amendment. He is now touching on the area that I felt the drafters of the bill should have looked at before they submitted it. Strip away all the chaff. What this kind of language is, since it's not operational, is an apology for what the state is doing because it's recognized that it has no valid basis and sound policy. As somebody stated to me earlier in the day, all of the light bulbs in this Chamber and in the corridors ought to be unscrewed and replaced by red light bulbs. Now some people may not know what a red light district is but that's saying the entire Capitol has become that because of the activities symbolized by this kind of legislation. There is selling going on here. The state shamelessly is selling itself without any assurance that the state is going to receive in kind or trade what it hopes it is going to receive. Micron is going to look at the State of Nebraska and what Nebraskans will say, those of you in this Legislature, I'm giving you everything I got. We're going to bed down tonight, but will you still love me tomorrow? And Micron says, that's the chance you take. If I see greener pastures over here, I'm gone. If somebody offers me more than what you're offering me, I'm gone. What the spokesperson for Micron said is that these types of incentive packages are not very important to Micron. They don't have that much significance because these are short term. They are not going to last and the success of the company is not going to be dependent on these incentive packages. They said they are interested in a stable supply of competent engineers. Naturally, they want that 2 million gallons of water a day and the other types of things that will be necessary for it to make a success of its business. That success will be determined by how much their profit margin is. The spokesperson also said that their only real competition in this country, as far as the products they produce, comes from Texas Instruments, that's all. Their other competition comes from Japan and Korea. So if you have a competitor whom you cannot swallow up and since Micron has been in this particular business only since 1988, it's not likely in six years they have developed the clout, the strength and the wherewithal to swallow up Texas Instruments. So you want to be as far from your competition as possible, in most instances. Oklahoma is closer to Texas than Nebraska, but Nebraska, though further from Texas than Oklahoma is, is still closer to Texas than Utah is. Why should Micron come to Nebraska and start a company? They're not going to find the