

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would rather we be in a position to approach whoever is going to speak for Micron, approach them with dignity, some show of self-respect. That is lacking, and Senator Hall is spotlighting it. If we strip all of this chaff from the bill, it brings us closer to the meat of what it is we should be trying to grapple with. If we cannot even get rid of this material, these hunches and feelings, all we can do is make the record, and, Senator Wickersham, I had said my intent is to try to help produce a record so that if somebody challenges it, they can show that all these things were inducements to pass the bill, and they cannot be severed as the entire bill will be stricken down, if any of these provisions are.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. Again I rise in support of the amendment. It deals with the issue of what we are about here, and I...you know, frankly, the irony of all this is that I probably support what the bill is all about. Micron is absolutely the kind of company that I want to see come to Nebraska, but look at what we have to do, and this is not directed at Senator Withem. I think he has done a stellar job holding his tongue in this debate because I think he clearly understands at least where I am coming from on this issue because this is the type or part of the proposal that is so offensive to me, the fact that you have to make an investment. I don't necessarily agree with the definition of what a blighted area is. I mean, a ten-mile radius outside the city limits is a tad bit extreme but I think I understand why it is being done. The investment, the jobs that are being created, those kinds of things I can arguably say I support. It is when you get into the intent language that drags the State of Nebraska through the mud in order to justify the end that is the investment, that's where I draw the line. That's the kind of stuff that exercises me to some extent. I had not spoken on the bill until I started to read it, and then I filed a couple of amendments. One of them happens to be section (10). Would any one of you, if there was a bill that just dealt with section (10), of Section 2, subsection (10) of Section 2, would any one of you support it? Would any Chamber of Commerce support it? Think about it. Read it. 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