

Section 2 will carry one bit of weight with the folks at Micron, and what it does is it allows the state to hold themselves up for other states to say, frankly, when they go to compete against us, look, the State of Nebraska says that they have been unable to attract businesses, when, in fact, we were in the finalist for the BMW plant, the Mercedes plant, and now Micron. We got there without 830. We got there with this kind of intent language. At a minimum, the intent language ought to be stripped from this bill and we ought to put in a proposal that Senator Withem argued he would support that basically says there is areas where we can do more. That is probably something I can agree with, but, Senator Withem, I would argue what we do first to show good faith is to strip all of Section 2 out of the bill and then come back and rewrite it, not the other way around. With that, Madam President, I would withdraw the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. The amendment to the amendment is withdrawn. Senator Wickersham, you are next to speak on the Hall amendment to LB 830, followed by Senators Chambers and Withem.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. You know, if you read subsection (10) on page 3, and as Senator Hall...it has already been read out loud, but Nebraska is unable to attract sufficient number of major business expansion and relocation projects of the type needed to stimulate the growth of the population and quality jobs for the citizens of Nebraska to address rehabilitation and development of such blighted and substandard areas. Again you have to remember what the blighted and substandards are. They are fields and pastures. Are we literally to adopt a statement of policy for the State of Nebraska that says all of the fields and pastures in the State of Nebraska should have either paving or buildings on them? Is that the policy implication? I doubt that that is really the implication. That's really going to run to cross-currents with, I am sure, other findings of legislative intent that we've had in various areas. Probably Senator Beutler has inserted some in a bill someplace that says we need green spaces or we need parks or we need trails or we need someplace to get away from all of that paving and construction. I don't think that is really the intent, but that is a logical extreme that that kind of language is aimed at. And the word "unable," unable to attract, I agree with Senator Hall when he says that we are, in effect, saying that we have failed. We have failed to pave every inch of the