

from a dissimilar type of legislation. But yet when they are incorporated in this proposal, somehow we feel that it has to be self-contained or encapsulated and it can't...it is impervious to amendment, and I would argue that Section 2 serves no purpose. It does nothing to benefit the state. All it does is drag the reputation, the record, the economic viability of this state down with its adoption, and I would urge you to, if you weren't listening, because virtually all of it has been read out loud to you, take a moment and read some of this stuff, and say is this what we want to portray Nebraska as, because it speaks to the way the state is in its current form as it relates to economic development, as it relates to slums and blighted areas, as it relates to morals, welfare, urban, suburban, and rural areas. The Chambers amendment that is before us says that, and he points out, and rightly so, that we even chastise private business; private enterprise has not been able to accomplish these goals. They have not been able to remedy the situations that the same section portrays as being prevalent throughout Nebraska, and that is not the case, they are not there. Nebraska is a great state. Nebraska has tremendous economic development potential. Nebraska is the kind of state that businesses are looking at regardless of this proposal. But I would argue that if you adopt the intent language that is spelled out before us in Section 2, what you are doing is setting a precedent for purposes of any future legislation in terms of, first, running the state down in order to somehow, through the balance of the bill, build it up, and that is not what we should be about. We should turn each and every one of these proposals on their head and argue that Nebraska has been there and has remedied the types of issues that are before us. And because of that, we are in a position to allow for the Microns of this country, or the BMWs, or the Mercedes-Benz of the world to look at us as a possible location, and we have been able...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...to do that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a priority motion. Senator Withem would move to invoke cloture.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.