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SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I stand to support Senator Bohlke's amendment, and I think one thing we forget that if you get 3,500 jobs, those people are going to be...my guess is they would probably come from 35, up to 50 different school districts. Just taking just the example of Cargill moving into the Blair area, we have people from all over. You're...you will find people driving 50 and 60 miles for these jobs and I think the...I think that impact will feather out to a number of school districts and I don't see it as an insurmountable fiscal problem. But I think the way that...the way Senator Bohlke has written her amendment will help take care of that, and as she has stated that there will be a lot...there will be monies coming in on sales tax. And if you don't think there is a ripple effect if something like a company like Micron, you ought to go up and talk to the people in the Blair area. The sales taxes in the Blair area have gone up...the receipts have gone up 20 percent in one year and the same thing would happen with the...if we were able to land Micron. So I would urge everyone to support Senator Bohlke's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, members, a few points that I would like to address as I've listened to the debate. First of all, Senator Kristensen brought up an interesting point in saying that I had said 3,500 new jobs, and I do recognize that that may be true, that it may be people moving from Minden to Omaha, but I would assume, if that were the case, they would be making that move because it's a higher paying job. If it's a higher paying job, you usually then have more money to spend on those products that I talked about that generate more from the sales and income tax. Also, those new jobs, we do, if you look at the requirements and what Micron needs in employees, we're looking at 500 engineers. I am assuming that, although I hate to bring the whole subject up, but that we may have to be recruiting some of those people from out of state, and then 800 administrative jobs. So I think we can assume that whether some of those jobs are from people who currently live in Nebraska or those that we will have to recruit to the state, more than likely people are coming to that company because of the pay and what those jobs pay, and if it's an improvement, they will have more money to spend and generate more sales tax.