

good intentions with the bill we debated last night and I don't want to go over that again because we'll have an opportunity to do that later. But I did vote to advance this bill. I think we do need to offer economic incentives. I'm troubled about the way the states are being played off against each other. I'm troubled that we don't know whether we'll really benefit the State of Nebraska by some of these projects, but, as I say, it's only money and once in a while you just do that, you just give it away, and I'm willing to do that, and I've always had a few charitable bones in my body and I'll vote for this bill and I'll vote for Senator Warner's amendment, and I hope that...and I hope that Senator...that Pfizer comes to Lincoln and I hope that Micron comes to the state and I hope that everything turns out real well.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. On the Warner amendment, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's about as charitable as Bob has ever sounded on the floor. I was amazed by that speech, Bob, thank you. I rise to oppose the Warner amendment. LB 829, to me, is a justifiable payoff in the context of Micron, 3,000 jobs. My only problem with three is...with 829 is that I want the job level higher, not lower. I would be happier if 829 had a threshold of 1,000 or 1,500 jobs rather than 500 jobs. And the Warner amendment moves the scale this way. It says 50 million or 500 jobs, or 250 jobs and a hundred million bucks, as if capital investment and jobs were in some kind of equivalent basis here. They may be for you, they're not for me. The reason I vote for 829 is jobs, not for capital investment. The reason I vote for 829 is because 3,500 jobs, the nature of which are the kinds of salaries that families can run on, is exactly what Nebraska needs. We have a demographics that will scare the living daylights out of you if you look at the next 20 to 30 years. Our rural areas are emptying out and the elderly are staying and that means higher services because the elderly require more services than others in a tax base that's getting overpressured and undersupported because of property taxes, and that emptying out is coming into the urban areas and it's leaving the state. It leaves us with a static population, an aging popula...static in terms of number and aging in terms of its composition. What we need are jobs and families. I oppose the Warner amendment because it would treat capital investment the same as jobs and my...the one thing I will spend the \$35 million worth of benefit here for is a job increase the size