

of Micron, 3,000 very significant jobs in that area. When we get down to 250 jobs, I'm not willing to pay 30 million bucks or 35 million bucks for it. It doesn't seem like it's a good enough payoff. I have to swallow hard to do the Micron. If anything, I would like to see the threshold in 829 go up. I don't want to see it go down and I don't want to support the Warner amendment in that context. Two hundred and fifty jobs is not enough for this kind of thing. I'll tell you why. That's the kind of scale that 775 was meant to do. LB 775 should be adequate in the case of 250 jobs. In the case of 1,000 jobs or 3,000 jobs with Micron, that rises to a level that every state in the union, their eye teeth hurt at the thought of that kind of economic development and there you have to operate at a different scale. I'm prepared to jump to that scale in 829 but not for a project the size of the Warner amendment. I oppose the Warner amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Maurstad, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I rise just to be a mite bit contrary, I guess, for a little while, and there's been some discussion relative to the bidding wars that are maybe going on between the various states relative to enticing companies to expand or relocate into their particular state. And just for a point of philosophical discussion, I guess, I would say, thank goodness, because in the past we haven't been very successful at growing Nebraska. We haven't been very successful because of our...of our unattractiveness in some people's minds relative to no beaches, mountains, etcetera, at being able to get the growth necessary to continue to sustain our state. So I'm glad we're able to use some of these...some of these opportunities to show the rest of the nation what Nebraska does have and that's a good solid work force that's willing to work hard for a day's pay and we have a quality of life that's unmatched anywhere else. And, without the current debate going on relative to different states vying for these types of projects, Nebraska wouldn't have any attention being paid to it. So just being a little bit ornery, I just thought I would rise and indicate that I think this gives us an opportunity as a state to show the rest of the nation that we are a place where they need to look to locate their firms, to bring their families, to raise their families, to educate their children and become a part of what we are so proud of here in Nebraska and that being the good life. Thank you.