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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Before we continue the debate, I would like to call the Legislature's attention. Senator Cudaback has a guest today, Marsha Hecox from Gothenburg. She's under the north balcony. Would you please welcome her. Thank you. Further discussion on the Warner amendment. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I guess I...I'm not just sure how I stand on this but let's say that we pass the Warner amendment which brings, I guess it's the Pfizer company to Lincoln, and right now we don't know if Pfizer is coming or Micron is coming. But as I was talking to the general manager of Cargill the other day, we were visiting about this, and he says, well, you've got one in the hand, he was talking about Cargill, and you are talking about two in the bush out there. Of course, at that time we only had one in the...we only had one out there, had Micron, now we have Pfizer. I guess the question I have, Cargill is going to start up at the end of March. They're going to have over a...between 130 and 140 employees, then they're going to have another 80 employees...a hundred...another 80 people that will be in charge of maintenance, and another 40 or 45 people that will be working for a trucking company. And I can just see it, we pass this, we pass the Micron with the amendment, Senator Warner's amendment, and Cargill is going to come back and say, we want the same thing. We spent our...they spent \$200 million. They've got a fructose...they've been talking about a fructose addition which is another 80 to 100 million dollars. So do you think they're going to be quiet? I don't think they will be. I think they're going to say, well, we...we were the ones that...we were the first big one to come into Nebraska, now don't you think we deserve the same incentives? I'm just telling you, I think you're going to see this happen. And eight or nine people visited Cargill before Christmas and they know what a big plan that is, and, in fact, they've talked about quadrupling the number of bushels of corn that will be up...they would be grinding a half a million bushels of corn a day, possibly in the next six or seven years. But I just want to let you know, that's going to be out there, and they're going to come and ask us and I guess my question is, how will we treat them? How will we treat them? And I can tell you one thing, I have a problem if we're going to property tax. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Any further discussion on the Warner amendment to LB 829? Seeing none,