

bring bills forward to discuss the issue without a lot of pressure. And I think it would be good to revisit LB 830 in the year 2000. I don't know how many of us are going to be here at that time, but one of the concerns I have is going back to my legislative district and telling my constituents look what we did for Omaha, look what we did to get Micron here, and this bill goes on forever. If I can tell them straightforward that this bill sunsets in the year 2000, I think it will answer a lot of my anxiety towards the bill. So I think it makes a lot of sense, and I commend Senator Wesely for bringing it forward. I would hope the body would consider this amendment favorably.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Withem, on the Wesely amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I support the Wesely amendment and would indicate not just because it's a political thing to do to soothe some opposition, which is always one of the reasons people consider amendments to their bills from people that aren't that excited about them, I really think it is good policy. As Senator Schrock has indicated, it does give us an opportunity to, at a more sober moment in history perhaps, to sit down and look at whether or not the bill, the act is working, and give us an opportunity to make some changes. I know my friends out in the rotunda get concerned that every time that Senator Wesely and I get into this dialogue and we talked about how 775 has never been changed, they will point out there have, in fact, been a number of changes to it, but it is never kind of an even playing field, and I think that might be the point that we are talking about, that the bill is there and it goes on in perpetuity unless some changes are made, and it is easy to stop any changes that people don't like. This one I think will give us an even playing field. You know, Senator Wesely and I did some minor quibbling over it, and beings I'm the magnanimous nice guy that I am, and he is the hard-nosed tough negotiator, I would have preferred a little longer before the sunset but I think as we let four legislative sessions pass, and we'll take another look at it, and those people that favor the act have to come in and justify its continued existence does, in fact, make some good policy sense. So I am supporting it, not just as a way to soothe some opposition but because I do think it makes some sense.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen, on the Wesely amendment.