

Bromm that as we seek to protect and invite businesses, we also need to protect the environment, the air, the water, and I think it is important to point out that we are not just talking about Micron. Most of the dialogue that we have regarding what we are doing in all three of these bills that have become known as the Micron bills, are also going to be applicable to any other business that may come to this state. We don't know what those businesses may be. We don't know what those businesses may do to the quality of life, and certainly to the quality of the environment in the air...in the area, water, air, or any other aspect of the environment. It seems that most of these businesses are going to already have an environmental impact statement of some sort, that they are already going to be complying with EPA or DEQ regulations, and so the statement should be something that they would already be putting together. It doesn't require an additional statement beyond that kind of description of what they are doing, as I read the amendment, so it seems that this is a modest request to just give people information about what is being proposed for their community. I think it does go hand in hand with the other areas of concern that I have had over these bills, and Senator Coordsen has certainly attempted to rectify, and that is public notification. This does go hand in hand with that. It does allow people to be informed of what kind of impact, the kinds of things that are going to be put into these businesses, will have on them, their families, or the other people that may be in close proximity to such a plant. I think that that notification is important, but along with notifying people of what is happening in their area does come the sense of obligation, I believe, to inform them of what is taking place, and how that may impact the quality of the environment around them, and the quality of life for them, their family. So I do support the amendment that Senator Dierks has proposed and would encourage others to look at it, to be aware of what minor impact I believe that it would really have considering that much of this would already be being done, and to certainly vote favorably on this amendment. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Madam President, members, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a few questions if he is available.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.