

findings and declarations on the floor make it lawful. The other question is whether we should do it, whether we should allow it to be done, and that's really my major concern. Whether it's lawful or not will eventually be taken care of in the courts, that's what they're for. But I don't think they should even be asked. I see no public purpose being served by causing them to be asked whether this is a lawful purpose. I think we can decide here this evening that it is not necessary for this project, and that it is not an appropriate public policy for this state to have persons who wish to engage in the activities that LB 830 is designed to support outside the confines of a municipality to avail themselves of the use of the power of eminent domain. For the kind of investment that I understand the company is to make in this project, I can't imagine that the cost of the land would be all that burdensome, even if they had to pay a little bit more than what somebody else thought they should. I have hardly ever, ever heard of an instance where if you had an appropriate price that you did not have a willing seller; that always seems, at some point in time, to be reached. It's simply a question of when it should be reached and where it should be reached. And I don't think...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...we should be trying to determine that on the floor this evening, it isn't necessary for this project and it's bad policy.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Coordsen, your light is next, followed by Senators Kristensen, Jensen, Beutler, Cudaback, Chambers, Brashear and Hall.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I think it's again necessary at this time in the evening to reiterate my position that I personally would welcome a company of the size and scope of Micron or others like it and certainly companies of lesser employment and lesser investment. And I welcome investment of entrepreneurs in Nebraska to create 500 jobs, one at a time, or 3,500 jobs, 10 at a time, and the investments that go with that. My reason for expressing a concern relative to the inclusion of eminent domain in this bill is done from the perspective of trying to ensure that we don't get carried away in the process and create for the State of Nebraska an untenable position in finding ourselves with an unanswered constitutional question related to a particular site