

a way in the statute to clarify it, I think that would be helpful because...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...IRS rules and regulations can change, intent can go away, who is running a utility today can be different tomorrow, and this statute has no sunset on it, so it would go on forever more. And it would seem to me that we might at least want to consider that, but I don't know yet if that could be done or should be done, but I just raise that issue. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A fair request, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Withem a couple of questions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Withem, if it were not for the Micron project, would we have these three bills before us, in your opinion?

SPEAKER WITHEM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they're tailored, more or less, to address the needs that Micron would have, should they wind up choosing Nebraska, is that accurate?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I think I've said consistently throughout these bills that there is a...a two-tiered rationale for the bills, bill...rationale number one and the reason we are expediting them is because of the impending decision by Micron. But I believe I've been fairly consistent, at least in the other two bills, I haven't spoken much to this one, by indicating I think these are good public policy tools to have in our economic development strategy for pursuing large projects. So they are not specifically tailored exclusively for Micron.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The committee amendment that was adopted, and Senator Maurstad's amendment to it was defeated because his would have broadened it too much, served what purpose, the