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SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what I want.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and I suspect that the situation is basically this, that those people in our state who are charged with the responsibility for economic development and organizing the competition to attract companies were looking at this company. This company is in an area where there's a lot of hydropower, hydropower is very cheap. The utility rates, at least with respect to our competition in Utah and Idaho, is very intense and so that caused, and I'm sure what Micron said to them is, look, we got great utility bills out here, and what probably caused our people to think, well, what can we say to them about our utility bills. And being a public power state, with the help of the Legislature, that's something that they can affect...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and be more competitive. So it goes back to the competition of the states again, I think.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Senator Withem, I'd like to ask you another question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Withem, the county in which Oklahoma City is located voted to take \$200,000 of their General Fund money and give to Micron. Would you support a resolution by the Legislature recommending that Douglas County or Sargy County or the two of them together vote \$300,000 between them to give to Micron?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That's a hypothetical, and I...it's not part of the package that went in from Nebraska. I don't know if I would or not, it would depend upon what the argument surrounding that proposition might be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I offered the resolution and said, since we're trying to meet the competition that Senator Beutler discussed, that others have talked about throughout the discussion of these three bills, and I said, I've become convinced, now I'm a convert, and I want to see if you all