

saying that the actual cash that a person gets as a wage is going to be that much. I don't know who will be providing the insurance coverage or the other things that these companies will utilize, but at any rate, by putting together a minimum amount that the package should consist of will ensure to the citizens and residents of this state who will work for these companies, who qualify for these benefits, that they get a decent return for the labor they expend. The rural senators, the farm community senators should become aware of the fact that there are diminishing numbers of jobs connected directly to agricultural work. The people who no longer live on farms, the people who live in small cities which are dying, the cities that is are dying, will have to find some place to go and some place and some way to make a living. This could be one of those transitional programs. We are not only enticing these companies to come to this state but we are preparing the way for people who no longer can make it in the rural areas and on the farm to have a way to earn an honest living. I've been told repeatedly that Micron is considered a good neighbor, a good citizen which means Micron is presumed to want to do the thing that is right by and for its employees. The Legislature, since it is specifying so many things that will be given to these companies, is certainly in a position to say something about what our workers should be ensured or guaranteed when they take these jobs. Senator Wesely pointed out another aspect of all of this. Since Micron is so interested in and concerned about a supply of engineers, it should be clear to everybody that a substantial number of these jobs will involve people working as engineers. The lion's share of the wages that will be paid could go to those people and we know that the kind of work that is being done in producing these little micro chips is not going to require the knowledge and skill of an engineer. Many, many years ago when I used to give speeches at universities around the country I was invited to give a talk at Vassar. And the city where Vassar was located had an IBM plant or one of those that made computer parts and when you walked through the plant and you watch how these various components are assembled, you wonder...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...how in the world such simple appearing components could be brought together to produce a computer that would do so many amazing things. One person would have these little tiny rubber washers, I mean very, very tiny. They would