

this afternoon in the Revenue Committee. But, see, that's obviously a solution. If the existing Nebraska companies can't get employees here, if they raise wages, raise benefits, they will be able to attract employees from out of state or elsewhere to come in and take those jobs. But, if they have to do that, then there will be a higher cost and in some cases that's not what they want to do so they transfer the work outside of the state. So, by bringing in a Micron and taking away employees, you may be encouraging existing companies to, as they were talked about a few months ago, move business and work that they have outside of the State of Nebraska. Now if they don't raise their wages and benefits, then again you have the problem, and I think that's what's going to happen, that they're not going to end up raising their wages and benefits, although that would be a positive net result of Micron coming in. It would be great if the State of Nebraska had higher wages and benefits. But the big attraction to the state has always been to play out that we're low cost, low wages, low benefits, low unionization, low taxes, all of that. That's how we seem to attract people in here. We don't end up attracting the sort of companies that have the high wages and that's been a problem, and again that's one of the reasons I put the amendment up there. But if we don't end up raising the wages and benefits, that's what I'm saying, you're going to either end up a situation where you export the work to other states, as I mentioned, or the other option is to further import workers into the state from elsewhere who will work for low wages and no benefits. That's the two scenarios that I see. You end up either exporting the work or importing the workers if you don't lay out...if you don't realize the consequences of a major project like this in the State of Nebraska. And if you import the workers, then you have Senator Chambers' situation that he was talking about, about who do we bring in? Do they have.. do we provide them with the language interpretation and all the other information that we talked about with this legislation? And I think the next consequence, as I mentioned before, is that the scenario...

SENATOR LANDIS: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...doesn't play out positively and the companies in the State of Nebraska, the Chambers will be...the next thing that we'll be back for, as we talked about in '87, they came back for the electrical rate break, is they'll be back to have the State of Nebraska deal with this employee shortage problem and they'll be asking for us to bring in with tax