

and other things that are needed for somebody to have a decent standard of living. If Micron and these companies can come here and offer a wage and benefits which do not constitute a living wage, we have not done anything that benefits the economic condition of this state. We have allowed a predatory exploiter to come to this state buoyed up by incentives mindlessly given by the Legislature. It will be a burden on the people because, once these incentives have been given away to Micron, there will not be that much to give to another. And I'm speaking now as though Micron is going to come. They're not. That's why I don't know why I waste all my time doing this but I feel an obligation because the issue is before us and Senator Wesely has raised a point that should apply if we're going to leave anything in the statutes relative to what we're talking about now. I hope there are those in the Legislature who, when Micron does not come, will be willing to strip this stuff that we're putting into the books, and we can begin...I would like to ask, Senator Landis, do you know when the decision is to be made? Is it March 1st, by Micron, if you know?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Chambers, I don't know the answer to that and the Chair is not in a position to answer questions easily but I'm sure that if you'll check the newspaper, you will find an answer. Or you can approximate one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well done. Well spoken. Well, well, well. Sometime near the Ides of March we definitely will have had an answer, and shortly thereafter we can begin amending bills to strip out what has been put in. What I want somebody to do is stand on this floor and tell me Micron is coming to Nebraska to establish this plant. I did read in the paper the other day, Mr. Chair, that Ms. Moul is a bit more hopeful about the passage of these bills than some of the others. I'm opposed to them but I know they're going to pass, there's no question about that. The question is whether or not Micron is coming. I say no. And if somebody says yes, I want to engage them in a discussion because we all want that company to come to Nebraska.

SENATOR LANDIS: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want Micron to come to Nebraska. And if they come, I want them to provide these good jobs that all of the skills and hustlers who support this bill told us will be forthcoming, but the skills and hustlers are not willing to build any guarantees in to back up what they, on their oath,