

number. I think I indicated that I didn't think it was a very large number in the terms of the company that we're dealing with, Micron, and particularly not for a company that might make a 1.3 billion dollar investment and have \$100 million worth of payroll, I don't think the amount that we're talking about is very significant to them. I think I did indicate earlier that I think that amount is significant to other people in the State of Nebraska who aren't so fortunate to have \$1.3 billion to put into a plant, who aren't so fortunate to have a hundred million dollar payroll and all the associated wealth that would go with it. Seems to me in those contexts it isn't significant, but it is significant to people who have houses to pay for on 20,000 dollar wages or \$20,000 a year in wages, to farmers and ranchers who are struggling across hard economic times, to others who are not as wealthy, who are not as fortunate, who have not had a state Chamber or someone else looking out for them and bringing them benefits from on high. It is significant to them when they see their property tax bill go up and it would be significant to them if we had to explain to them that the reason their property tax bill went up is because we wanted to give \$600,000 a year to a company that had one plant in the State of Nebraska who is worth \$1.3 billion, supported a hundred million dollar payroll and had, in addition to that, plants in other states and other assets. I don't think they would understand that very well, and I certainly don't understand it. And I do not, for the final time tonight, wish to have property taxes from school districts across the State of Nebraska pay for economic development. I don't care whether it's Micron. I don't care whether it's Pfizer. I don't care whether it's somebody else. That is an inappropriate use of property tax dollars from across the state. If somebody locally wants to do that, I don't care, but you're not entitled to take property tax dollars from a school district in western Nebraska, for example, and apply it to an economic development project in eastern Nebraska. That is absolutely silly policy and my amendment will prevent us from falling into such an error. I would urge your support of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question before the body is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to LB 829. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.