

do you wish to close on the first section? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the first section of the Brashear amendment to LB 829. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the first portion of Senator Brashear's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The first section of the Brashear amendment is adopted. We turn now to the second section, lines 2 and 3 of the Brashear amendment. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President, members, I rise in opposition to the amendment without any idea what it does. But I'd hoped that there would be a chance to better clarify what it does, because I think I know what its intent is. Its intent is to take a situation where currently the cost-benefit required by the Revenue Committee amendment can't be met evidentially by this project. And now, by one way or another, they're going to try and find a way to make it possible that it does qualify. And it is very difficult to understand, so all I'm going to do is talk about why there's a need for a cost-benefit ratio and talk about the concepts that we've had before. I think Senator Lindsay or Senator Will talked about how the belief is that any job or any...anything done under this bill wouldn't have happened without the legislation. And we keep thinking about Micron. And it's possible that the only reason Micron would come would be because of these bills. Let me go that far, that they are waiting to see these bills and that will make their decision. But the problem you always get into is that this bill isn't just for Micron. Anybody else that comes along can qualify under the certain conditions. And my thinking is that based on 775's analysis over the course of the last eight years, the fiscal office, and I believe the Revenue Department both have come to the conclusion that they estimated about 30 percent or so of the jobs of the investment made happened because of 775. But they estimate 70 percent would have happened anyway, would have happened anyway. So that's how...that's the premise on which, from the experience that we've had with 775, we've gone forward. So you don't count everything done as wouldn't have happened otherwise, you have to recognize that some of these just go along for the ride. You got the break out there, they want to come to Nebraska, you got...you offer tax base, well sure they're going to take them up, whether they need them or not, whether they want them or not, whether they demand them