

that I want to build a swine operation, but I don't want to build it on my property. My neighbor has a much more appropriate piece of property, but my neighbor doesn't want to sell it. Now, the economic development benefits to the City of Gilead are going to be exactly the same, proportionately, as what they are to the Omaha community. Now, is it appropriate, is it appropriate for me to request of the city that my neighbor's property be declared blighted, substandard and underutilized and they use the laws that are available to us and take possession and sell that property to me, and we use, bear in mind everything is moved over, and we use tax-increment financing to create the funding mechanism to buy the land and build the buildings, and I then pay for those by the methods that are available under this, and I do hire the 5 employees and they move into the city from the outside, and they build a new house, or move in a trailer house, or whatever they're going to do. Isn't the principle exactly the same, Senator Matzke? And tell me the public purpose because all we're doing, all my example does is move the dollar benefits over, the public purpose has got to be the same. And explain to me please the error in my thought process.

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, Senator Coordsen, I enjoy your narrative. There's a substantial difference. The substantial difference is that your little operation with five employees is not large enough to really benefit the state. And this body is making a determination that if industrial development is significant enough...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...to benefit the entire state, as Micron would, not just Omaha but the entire state, because it would bring an industry and an expertise to this state that we don't have and would benefit us, because it's going to benefit the entire state it's certainly beneficial and justifiable. It would not be justified on the basis of the very limited narrative that you give us.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I would think though, Senator Matzke, and I'll accept your position, certainly as your position but not mine. But I would think that on principle, on principle that everything has to exist in government in the same fashion because this operation certainly has great economic benefit, transportation, usage of the grain within that community is