

told that this bill is here. And if they decide that they're going to select Nebraska this bill will be passed. And even though I don't like it, I know it would be passed and with the emergency clause. What about something like that? And I'm not being facetious, I hope you understand.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, that is a question that others have asked me, not publicly but privately, so I'll tell you what I've told them and try not to take too much of your time, you can always punch on again if you need to. You know, this is not...I go back to my arguments before, this is not a ConAgra situation where we're negotiating with a company and that company is dictating terms to us and we either comply or we don't. This is a situation where a private company is making a private decision. They'll be meeting at the beginning of next week with their board of directors. They will be looking at three states. They will be evaluating a magnitude of different items concerning those states, including the things you've mentioned, I suppose the fact that Utah is closer to them will be one thing they'll consider, Oklahoma City is a bigger city, quality of life in those areas. One of the things they'll be looking at is the incentive package, will it help them make a profit over the long-term more so to locate in one state than another. The board of directors will be meeting, quite frankly, I would rather have that board of directors be saying Nebraska does have a law in place that will allow this item to...that will allow site acquisition through tax-increment financing. It may be enough to say to them Nebraska has a bill on Final Reading that they have agreed they will pass if we choose their state. But it's a billion dollar sort of investment they're talking about. I don't know if their board of directors would accept that. I would feel more comfortable just like a businessman that's going to open a business the next morning and is selling oranges, would rather have those oranges in the warehouse, ready to wheel out onto the floor than be told, we have oranges coming down the interstate that are 75 miles away from here...

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SPEAKER WITHEM: ...that we think will be here. And that's as good an analogy I can come up with off the top of my head. I would rather have these bills passed because it's a certainty as