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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And since my time is so close to being expired, I will just punch on my light again and give this little bit back.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, this is not an easy vote for me or for many of my rural colleagues. And it's been...I've been hot and cold on the issue. I would tell you there is a segment in rural Nebraska that is mad, they're upset with the Legislature, they're upset with the tax problem. The State of Nebraska, as rated by the Farm Journal Magazine, there's only four states that have worse tax policy for farmers than the State of Nebraska, and here we are giving more, giving more. The perception in rural Nebraska is not going to be good, but I guess that's why we're down here. We've got broad shoulders, we can take the heat. I want Nebraska to grow economically, I want them to expand, I want to be healthy. But I also have a lot of rural concerns, and if this does come to fruition and Micron comes to Omaha, great. Just help us when we have problems. We're in the minority anymore, we need your help, we need your assistance to solve a lot of rural problems. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I rise, I hope perhaps for the last time on these Micron bills, to make clear for the record my positions on them. I have been a supporter of LB 830, and I continue to be a supporter of 830. LB 830 is an extension of tax-increment financing to rural areas. I probably faced this issue, for myself, 12 years ago, 14 years ago when we declared a block...well we had to pass a law in this body to allow us to declare the block, where the Cornhusker Hotel was, as a blighted, substandard area. Now the Cornhusker Hotel had been up for a number of years and it wasn't in great shape, but it would hardly be something that you'd call blighted and substandard, and yet we had to make all these findings to do this, and we had to recount how bad the conditions were basically on this block where the Cornhusker Hotel was. And it struck me as odd. I didn't exactly understand how we could call this blighted and substandard in the heart of very high value