

right thing to do and a number of you, of the members have toiled in their mind as to whether or not this is the best approach and I've never had any problems with supporting this piece of legislation. I know some of you have. But philosophically, I think that when we talk to our constituents and they talk to us about providing opportunities for their children, that we have an obligation to try to provide some sort of economic opportunities for our children as well as our constituents and providing more jobs for Nebraskans is a good opportunity to help our constituents. Now we have two options. We can do absolutely nothing with hopes that Micron will come to this state and the chances of that I think are nil if we do absolutely nothing or we can enact this piece of legislation with hopes that we will be chosen as one of three states, we will be chosen as the one in comparison between Utah and Oklahoma. Now in the last census that was done the most shocking thing to me about the census that was done in 1990 was the amount of drain of population from rural parts of the state and this was very troubling to me because even though we do have people working on the farms, the industry that helps support those farmers and the industry that the farmers help support continues to dwindle. And I, listening to Senator Schrock, I agree we need to do something about that and I'm always open to his suggestions to try to help this state. Now Micron, this bill, LB 830 is one approach to try to help the entire state and it's my belief that by enacting this bill, that if they don't take advantage of the tax benefits, then the state is out nothing. But if they do come to this state and they do employ 3,500 employees, we do have spinoffs up to 10,000 new jobs, I think that the investment will be well worth it. One final point, there's been discussion about the comparison between Nebraska and other states when it comes to these economic incentives. All 50 states are incubators, are business incubators. They all have different approaches on how to attract industry into their state. Some states have no sales tax, some states... New Hampshire for example some states don't have an income tax like South Dakota and because of their tax structure it's much more attractive for certain businesses to come into those states. And Nebraska I guess could say well we'll do absolutely nothing like in the sixties when we didn't have a sales or income tax, we probably were a pretty good business climate for industry to come into our state but now we have an income and a sales tax along with other taxes and we have to be realistic in how we compare with other states. And by providing this type of an incentive, these types of