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Redevelopment Act shall be construed in accordance with the authority granted...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by...

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

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I stand in support of LB 830, but what I'm really getting up here for is to follow up a little bit on what Senator Bromm was saying. I do go home every night except for the last week I've had to spend a couple of nights down here and I know what it is like in my district. I too believe that if we can do this or can't do it and it's not because we can't do it or didn't do our part in offering it if Micron does not come here, that we can also do something about the property tax. We can put something together that is going to be good for the State of Nebraska and I'd be willing to come down here and spend a couple of nights a week again and start early in the morning and give up some of my private practice to do that. We really need to take a look at that too. If we can do this, then we can do that and with that I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, you have about four minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President, and thank you, Senator Pedersen. I was going to make reference to a provision on page 16 of the bill. I'm doing this to call attention not only to my colleagues, but to others who have an interest in this legislation. This is what it says. The Nebraska Redevelopment Act, which is what LB 830 is, shall be construed in accordance with the authority granted by Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution of Nebraska. Let's say for the sake of my trying to make clear what I'm trying to get across, that the authority to do what is in LB 830 already exists, already exists, but the specific language of Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution does not grant this authority. Then the bill has put itself in a strait-jacket by saying the only basis on which this legislation can be justified is Article VIII, Section 12. So that means even if the authority does exist some place else, but not Article VIII, Section 12. This bill has to be struck down. It would be like saying this bill is to be construed in accordance with Article I of the