

but to deal with it on a bill that may follow that might be germane to the issue. This is of great importance to me and I know it was of great importance to Senator Warner and others in the body. It has been of great concern to me for a number of years, so I am very pleased that there is a desire to look at the issue and try to find a way to address it. Being uncertain as to whether or not that can be done or how we could reach a consensus or what form it might take, still we have that to work out, but I do think it is a fundamental point and it was of great concern, I think, to many of us. Moving forward on economic development initiatives is very important to our state to compete with other states, but in the end what I don't...I don't know what response you got over the weekend when you went back to your districts, but I got, basically, a look, we'd like Micron to be here. We would like to have growth in economic development in our state, but what's the price and how long before we gain a payback as taxpayers? And it is that concern and it is that fiscal caution that has characterized Nebraskans all these years since we've settled the state because we are a very cautious, conservative state when it comes to fiscal matters. We are desirous of jobs, we are desirous of business, we are supportive, but in the end, we also know there is a price that has to be paid and is the price worth the benefit, and that is why it is so fundamental that we try to interject that into the mix of decision-making when it comes to tax incentives and economic development tools. So I am very pleased about that. I have a lot of confidence in Director Moul and know that she is committed to the concept, which is very important to me. I also want to thank Senator Withem for being willing to consider and look at that issue further. I also want to note something that I think is fairly important here, and that is the article in the front page of the Journal-Star over the weekend. There it talked about Micron not being able to find employees in the State of Nebraska. The headline, I don't have it right in front of me, was rather a negative one in that regard, and I want to make a very important point here. I raised that issue last week because I knew of Snyder Industries, which was quoted in the article, and other companies who are struggling to find employees, but I think there is a distinction to be made on the point I was trying to make last week and the situation as it affects Micron. The message I want to send to Micron and others looking to come to the State of Nebraska is if you have good paying jobs, you will find employees and they will be outstanding employees. I think that we have a lot of people in the State of Nebraska that are working at jobs below their