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Nebraska's state government so we might, even today, have a better idea of whether Micron is going to be coming here, and under what conditions. I am also interested, I think, in asking Mrs. Moul, if she will come around to the back, whether or not Micron has asked for anything else other than what's contained in LB 828, 829, and LB 830, and what those things might be. I know they already qualify for various credits under prior legislation, but I am wondering if there, and I feel somewhat remiss in not having asked these things, I am wondering if there are things that the executive branch is promising to do that do not require legislation. I think I will try to have a conversation with Mrs. Moul before we vote on this and, hopefully, be able to report back to you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Lynch. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I am in the process now of trying to make some things clear. I don't blame any business for taking advantage of this legislation. I don't blame or criticize any business for coming to the Legislature and bludgeoning the Legislature. When I say I don't blame them, I mean from the standpoint of businesses doing what it is their role and function to do, and that is to maximize profits by any means necessary, hopefully, without anybody going to prison who is involved in the effort. Now if we talk about morality or the greatest good for the greatest number, then predatory, cutthroat activities, the bludgeoning of a Legislature, the bullying and intimidating of public officials can be condemned as not being in the public interest. That power of that kind should not be wielded in a way that works against the interests of the public. But if you look at a business, they are known to be cutthroat, they are known to be dishonest. They are predatory. They will do anything, everybody knows that that's the nature of business, and the creation of the terminology of business is what has kept a lot of people out of prison. Because if they had done these things without them being in the context of business, they would be deemed highly immoral. So if Micron is doing what they are doing to try to maximize their profits, nobody is surprised. Senator Elmer gave me some information. I don't...it must not be secret but he said that there was an article on the front page of the Boise, Idaho paper saying Micron definitely is not coming...going to Idaho. It is not going to go down the street and around the corner. Senator Withem, had any of your contacts