

about Micron. But I feel that my rural colleagues were...slipped a fast one. I know that Senator Bromm had made a comment when he was going to express...I think he wound up supporting those Micron bills that he hopes that the urban people will take note of the cooperation they got, or words to that effect. Senator Vrtiska almost had the hide, the skin flayed off his hide from his constituents trying to explain why in the world he was supporting these bills and Senator Vrtiska, being the tap dancer that he is, tried to make it clear that cooperation is something of value, that maybe those bills would benefit the whole state, and I don't know if he made a direct reference to the hope that there will be some reciprocity. There is no need in us pretending that there is no quid pro quo at work in the Legislature. My feeling is that the rural senators gave away too much without getting anything back. And if you give the other side what they want, at no cost, why should they reciprocate? So what you all are going to have the opportunity to see is that I'm right again, and that's why I can...I can stand on top of my Mt. Olympus and look down on everybody else and everything because I will tell the truth that we all know but there's a reluctance to speak it for fear that expressing that truth will cause it to be fulfilled. But we know what's going to happen, at least I feel like I know. But I'm going to see if this bill gets at least the same number of votes as the Micron bills. All that scrambling and the praise heaped upon the rural senators for throwing in the towel, surrendering and giving up everything without asking for anything in return. By portraying it in that manner, the other side, there is an urban-rural split in this Legislature. I don't care what the World-Herald says. I don't care what my friend, Senator Kristensen, or anybody else says, there are issues that break down along rural-urban lines and this, in my mind, is one of them. The urbanites have gotten theirs. They think they put it in the bank, but I don't think so because Micron is not coming to Nebraska, in my humble opinion. And I've still got a little cash that I'm willing to wager and I read, Senator Engel, something that ought to make you feel pretty good, that Micron has taken options on two 600-acre tracts in the Omaha area, so that's to the good, that ought to make you feel good. And you all ought to feel that I'm foolish to bet against a stacked deck,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but I'm still willing to bet two to one