

which allows exactly the same thing, and I don't care whether you removed intent language or you didn't remove intent language, it accomplishes exactly the same thing, more so than this legislation. I recall Senator Coordsen telling me that he objected to LB 830 because it would allow people to put industrial development tracts in rural areas, and we amended 830 so that that would not happen. Yet, yesterday, we had a bill bringing forward, by Senator Fisher, that did exactly the same thing. Every place in the State of Nebraska, if LB 494 passes, will have a...be able to have an industrial development park. And it's true, there was some intent language taken out of the bill but counties still possess eminent domain authority and what he was so concerned with on 830 and now stands today and using words like abomination and depth of whatever term he used was exactly what was voted to be done yesterday. So I'm concerned when it's one senator's bill we have one reaction, when it's a different senator's bill we have a different reaction. So I do you want you to know I did take exception to the way Senator Coordsen characterized the bill. If there are legitimate policy concerns, those should be debated. I would say that LB 830 should not be repealed. I indicated on numerous occasions when I was debating LB 830 that I did not view it as simply a bill to respond to Micron. I talked about the timing was appropriate to consider it because of the Micron decision, but that it is good economic development legislation. Why is that? It's because if a state is going to compete in this...in this arena of economic development, there are certain things that are going to have to be provided. I would like to be a purist like Senator Wesely is and Senator Chambers is in this arena and say simply we will not be giving incentives. And I would like to see the federal government move in that direction. But that is not happening today. If we are going to be competitive, we're going to have to have an ability to train individuals for employers. We're going to have to have the ability to provide work site enhancements. Without those, we are just not in a position to compete. LB 830 gives us that ability to improve upon building sites, to acquire property. We need that if we're going to be competitive. Micron was not the only economic development opportunity coming down the road. There are others out there. There are other proposals to companies. This is not wise legislation to repeal this at this point, although, as I did indicate, I think it would be appropriate to have a discussion about the merits of the bill and not...beside the discussion I've heard so far.