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whether or not that would be a good idea right after the passage of the bill and the decision by Micron not to come to Nebraska was an opposite position. Obviously, we, in Lincoln, had an interest in whether or not Pfizer would come here and with that pending situation it appeared to me that the bill had passed with that as part of its purpose and we needed to allow that to play out. Well, recently, last week Pfizer announced they weren't coming here. I find it a little bit ironic because when I was briefed on the Pfizer possibility the thing I was told was that one thing for sure was they weren't going to stay in Philadelphia. They were unhappy there and wanted to move on, and they were looking elsewhere and we were in the hunt but we needed to provide a little added sweetener to the package that we had available. Well, what did Pfizer decide but to stay exactly where they were in Philadelphia, exactly where we were told that they wouldn't stay and this whole thing, this whole game of trying to attract industry, and I agree with Senator Withem, I...you know, I'm pretty much a purist on this and didn't start off that way. I have sponsored tax increment financing legislation and other tax incentive legislation. I do see a role for it but lately we've gone so far in that direction and I think missed the ability to target it that I have been consistently opposed to a lot of those proposals. In an article that will be passed out, hopefully, very shortly, where I talked about the lessons from Micron, one of the things we have to keep in mind is there are a lot of factors that go into a decision of where to locate. Taxes are but one of them. They can be a difference-maker in where all things are equal, but all things aren't very often equal. There are different reasons that people are looking to move or expand and we have to be in the right place at the right time. Now Utah was in the right place at the right time on Micron, in part, because they had location, it was close to Idaho, but also they had really made an effort over the last ten years to invest in higher education, to educate their work force, and, if you remember, the articles after the decision they really emphasized that part of Utah. And that's something we've lost track of a bit. We did make an effort with some research initiatives in the mid eighties. We did look at efforts in the later eighties to try and upgrade the University of Nebraska, have made some efforts in that direction, but they've all kind of fallen by the wayside lately. In my view, those are the efforts that will bear fruit longer term than tax breaks. Additionally, job training efforts and assistance to entrepreneurs and other types of programs that we can have in place to help our own businesses grow, I think, have

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