

Madam President. Nonetheless, Madam President, members of the body, I really...obviously I don't...I oppose the bill and I oppose more specifically the funding portion of the bill. And I probably should oppose this amendment because it actually makes the bill better. But if we're going to advance the bill, or if we're going to at least have a bill that purports to do what they're trying to do, the Hall amendment does tighten it up. It does make what I would think a bad concept, as far as our priorities of a Legislature, probably makes it a little bit better. So if we're trying to advance the bill in a better form, the Hall amendment would be a good amendment for the Legislature to adopt. I was talking to Senator Engel about why they would want to include warehouses and some of the other areas for funding. And he had a couple points about Sioux City. But one thing...one point that did come to mind as they were talking about, well that's what they had, this is the same language they had in LB 829. And I hope we don't get into that syndrome where we say, well here's the language we had in 829, which is part of the Micron concept, which we had a lot of debate but it was very hurried in a short, compact period of time. There was a time where we really couldn't do any amendments because we were under the crunch of passing it by the Monday deadline. I would hope we'd now be able to take time and look at it and say, now look, for what they're trying to do with the bill, is there a better way to do it so that the funds are more concentrated to do what Senator Engel would like for it to do. Personally, I hope that the Hall amendment is not agreed to. I hope you don't adopt the Hall amendment, because I think on Select File it will make the bill even easier to defeat. But to be fair I think those that want to support the bill, that would like to see the bill in a better shape so that it may survive what is going to be a very, very heavy thunderstorm, if not even severe weather for Senator Engel's plane that's still up in the air flying on Select File, I suspect for Senator Engel's sake this amendment probably should be adopted. And with that, I'd yield back the rest of my time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: That won't be necessary, Senator Cudaback, thank you anyway, there are no other lights. Senator Hall, would you like to close on your amendment?