

on economic development programs and plans during the Micron debate. Part of that problem that arose during that particular discussion of a cost benefit analysis was how we can structure in legislative language a cost benefit analysis that would be effective and would try to do what those proponents of a cost benefit analysis would want it to do. The Revenue Committee attempted to do that. It was amended on the floor. Some discussion occurred and it really showed that it was very difficult for that to occur. Once again, the next major piece of economic development legislation that comes before us by amendment, this cost benefit analysis has once again been interjected and even the author of the amendment has indicated that it's a rather toothless portion of the amendment, that there is not a lot of teeth in it, there's not a lot of...it doesn't...and I am interpreting that to mean that there really isn't much benefit to including it into the amendment. Secondly, I was opposed to the cost benefit analysis in the Micron bills. I still stand opposed to including this type of an analysis in economic development programs and I see that if we begin to accept that in this piece of legislation that, more than likely, we will continue to see this type of an effort on future economic development bills that come before us that I think would be counter productive. And finally, if we are going to move in this particular direction that I spoke of earlier, and I hope that we don't, it would seem to me only appropriate that we do a similar type of analysis and it be included in all other legislation that we might bring before us dealing with government spending. I am having a difficult time understanding why economic development legislation is singled out for this type of provision being added. I understand, of course, there are others that feel just exactly opposite to that and I assume and I would be willing to want to listen if they would be willing to place this type of scrutiny in other spending that might come before us in the future. So, with that, I'd be more than happy to try to answer any questions that senators might have and thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Maurstad. We are discussing the Maurstad amendment. Some lights were on from the previous amendment, some of them have gone on. Senator Chambers, did you wish to address the Maurstad amendment? Senator Engel, did you wish to address the Maurstad amendment? Senator Engel.

**SENATOR ENGEL:** Sorry. I have no comment on this particular amendment, thank you.