

people that we are paying dollars to educate. The jobs at Micron, many of them will be engineering jobs, and I know that engineering issue has been in the forefront both in Omaha and in Lincoln, but we have an opportunity here, one that comes along once in a decade. We've been fortunate here in Nebraska that we've had two, with Mercedes and with BMW, the opportunity to have two companies look at Nebraska. We weren't successful in either one of those. This is a premier facility. It is a clean facility. They are very environmentally conscious and so I would even extend that. This is beyond once in a decade. This might be once in 25, 30 years that we have an opportunity to take a look at a facility like this. I rise and ask...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...you to defeat this motion of two miles, it's simply too short. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Vrtiska, on the Jones amendment. Senator Vrtiska does not seem to be here. Senator Maurstad, your light is next.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, members. Madam President and members, my experience in the area of economic development has taught me that one of the most important tools that you can have is flexibility and that's primarily what I see this ten-mile issue as being. It provides the flexibility for those people that are actively engaged in these types of activities to be able to do what it takes to provide the best possible opportunity for the area that it might be locating in. Secondly, I think that we need to keep in mind that what we're talking about here relative to this 10 miles and the annexation and whether it's contiguous or not, really all that needs to be kept in the concept of the Nebraska Redevelopment Act, 830. These things will only apply when we're talking about \$50 million, projects dealing with \$50 million and 500 jobs. So it's not like we're opening or breaking new ground relative to changing the annexation laws in the State of Nebraska. And the last thing I like about this, or one of the things I like about this, not the last, is it does provide a good measure of local control in making these decisions. You're going to have to have an interlocal cooperation agreement to be able to put an 830 project together. And so any differences or any problems relative to the location are going to have to be worked out far in advance of the deal being done. So, once again, I would just