

take the chance of not adopting this amendment because if we do, NUCOR doesn't make any money, they are liable to pull out of the state and go to some state where they wouldn't have to pay this tax and so, therefore, I think it's very important, it's very important for us to add this amendment. We need to keep these industries in Nebraska, especially during these times that we're...these tough economic times that we're experiencing and so I would certainly urge you to support this amendment today.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler on the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (No response.)

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, that's the last person who has indicated that they want to speak. Senator Chronister, do you care to close?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Johnson is a very good lawyer. In fact he has just proven that he is a much better lawyer than a steel maker. He said and infinitesimal part of steel is the carbon. Now in the court case expert testimony said that as high as 54.5 percent of the electrodes was a part of steel, a vital component of that steel. The expert testimony of the Tax Department was found wanting. They could not make the grade. We are not talking the big bucks that Senator Johnson suggests, \$500,000. It is more like \$200,000 at the most, not much to the State of Nebraska, but vital to NUCOR in its profit picture. I think this amendment is needed and I strongly urge you to support its passage. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chronister was closing. The motion is the adoption of the Chronister amendment. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chronister's amendment. Yes, sir. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Wesely. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1868 of the Legislative Journal.)