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SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm sorry that someone like Senator Hannibal obviously indicates that there is confusion in his mind even as to the emphasis of what LB 850 is, which is going to follow. LB 850's purpose, and this amendment's purpose, are entirely two different ideas. High tech research in LB 850 is not under a quasi government authority, the same kind of assistance that this center provides. Now I have understood, via the grapevine which operates so efficiently within these Capitol walls, that there has been quite a discussion and divergence of opinion, and if you will conflict between the Department of Economic Development and the Appropriations Committee as to the funding of this. In fact maybe there were some things that either the Appropriations Committee didn't like, or individuals didn't like, and maybe it's gotten into a personality conflict. But I'm saying that out of this center there have been contacts from every legislative district and for 83 of the 93 counties. There have been contacts to this center. There have been jobs saved. There have been production costs saved so that jobs could be offered and businesses could go on a more productive schedule. This is assistance right now. This is not leading edge, innovative type of technology as proposed in the other entity. This is assistance for a business and what they have right now, not necessarily in product development, development but in production. So, again, I urge you to retain these funds. I think they are doing a good job and I don't think this is a time to cut a program which is giving this kind of assistance to each and every one of our counties throughout the State of Nebraska and to our individual businesses on main street. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall the Morehead amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask for a call of the house, and I'll accept call in votes, but otherwise a roll call.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Call of the house has been requested. Shall the house go under call? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The house is under call. Please return to your desk and register your presence. Oh, excuse me, I'm sorry. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor. Those that are