

rather than just babble nonsense, is that a lot of companies that were literally doing a lousy job were forced to deal with economic issues in a more responsible way and be more accountable to the stockholders and that a limited group at the top of corporate managers and directors and presidents and board chairmen who had nothing, nothing at risk and had no vested interest but were getting the multimillion dollar salaries were neither serving the country nor serving the stockholders and he exposed this in company after company and forced changes. And I am wondering if maybe in Senator Wesely's strong and stern defense of keeping anybody who might want to buy this company and maybe do a better job and provide better service and provide a more competitive environment, both in the products they produce, the competition coming from other countries, I wonder if maybe the real disservice is those who would erect artificial barriers without justification. I suppose if we are going to start on this stopping other people from coming into the state, such as we have done in agriculture and we are now going to expand it to industry and other things, it is going to be a little silly come January or whenever when you sit here and then chatter about all the economic development you want and all the people you want to bring in when you are saying what an evil thing it is to have any competition or have any competitive force come in and want to buy a company. To the best of my knowledge, and I don't think there is any proof to the contrary, Senator Wesely has no basis for saying either that Jimmy Goldsmith, if he were successful in this purchase, would close anything in Lincoln, would expand or not expand, he might well do a far better job and might provide far more for Lincoln than Goodyear has provided. The one thing that Senator Wesely could deal with that does exist in Lincoln is probably one of the biggest toxic waste dumps that you are going to have to deal with here to the tune of multimillions that Goodyear created over the past many years and that now threatens to contaminate the entire water of all of east Lincoln and your houses and basements there, and, as I say, you are going to have to deal with it. I think if somebody wants to take the time to check that out, you will find there is an environmental report that maybe the media will get a copy of one of these days that will surprise a lot of Lincolnites. So I think there are two sides to this question and just because there is another business man who doesn't happen to live in Lincoln that wants to get into business in Lincoln doesn't mean it's all evil.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Loran Schmit, please.