

agreed upon. So I think this is a very fair amendment. It is doing what most of the people have already agreed upon, so I would just move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, then Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, this will be the last time I will speak on this amendment so I hope you will listen carefully. We are in substantial agreement on the amendment but there are some substantial disagreements also, areas which are totally unacceptable insofar as I and the majority of the committee members are concerned. I do not disregard or I do not treat those areas of disagreement lightly, Senator Schellpeper. Those are serious disagreements and to disregard those areas of disagreement and to slough over them is not to be honest with the membership. If the Schellpeper amendment is adopted there will need to be several additional amendments to strike portions of that amendment. We have an amendment which is drawn which we feel is a clean amendment. It will do about three-fifths of what Senator Schellpeper wants. It will take care of the \$50,000. It will take care of the location of the office, but not by January first of 1989, but that is not necessary because we have a provision in the statute that may delay it until some time beyond that. Any decision relative to a site, and that is done to accommodate individuals who might want to make changes during the next legislative session. The five-mile radius, I would have preferred no radius and I was the one who argued for the contiguous language because in my opinion, to define a radius invites, perhaps, some litigation. But it was the Governor's decision that she thought there ought to be a three-mile radius and I honor that decision, but there is a considerable difference in the area of responsibility between a three-mile radius and a five-mile radius. I'm not a mathematician but I can tell there is a hundred square miles included in the five-mile radius, a quite a little difference I would think. And I would hope that you would recognize that we have reviewed these amendments carefully. The vote you cast here on this bill is a most important vote. It is one with which we are going to live for a long while and it is something which we think needs to be addressed very carefully and unemotionally and in a businesslike basis from the standpoint of the State of Nebraska, also from the standpoint of the citizens of the state. Most important of all, of course, is health and safety of the individuals and that is what we are most