

with the media when they report just the news and they know that one side had only that to speak, but they still don't take time to speak with other people on the other side to get a fair representation on the legislative body as a whole. That is journalistic prerogative, I'm sure. My point is Senator Scofield made an interesting amendment, an amendment that I think if it was...as it was adopted, in talking to Senator Scofield, she was not even sure she would even support the bill even with that amendment. She wasn't sure yet. Which gives me the feeling that the amendment was more for a point. The point that was trying to be made by Senator Scofield and others was we need economic development in the rural areas. And if we need economic development in the rural areas it seems to make sense, Senator Scofield says, to put these offices in rural areas. She drew a map, showed where there were not corporat...the corporate development committees that were formed, there is a large part in the middle of the state, closed her eyes I suspect, picked three parts, one top, one middle, one towards the end and said this sounds pretty good, we'll put 'em here. And I'd like to talk about that just a little bit because the movement to reconsider says we'd like to, in essence, talk about the Scofield amendment again because certainly discussion did not take place yesterday. I hope a lot of people feel better today. You know when you have frustrations over the years over a particular agency, gosh knows I'm beginning to build mine on particular agencies, it's always good to sit down somewhere and let those feelings out. I suspect a lot of senators, last night, slept very well because those feelings, over the years, came out. The Department of Economic Development was drug through the mud and through the dust and the mire from one end of the Legislature to the other by a select few, and they had fun. It was fun, because it's always fun to do that. I would like to seriously ask those senators to consider if they were in the Department of Economic Development sincerely trying to do what the mandated department was, but you had a Legislature that enjoyed raking through the mud and the mire one way, down the street the other way, and you had the media reporting every day and you had to go out and put the best foot forward and do the best job you can with that type of support. I wonder how they'd be feeling on the chances of success? The Legislature has a wonderful way of shooting an agency, some times, in one foot, wounding it in another and saying go forth, and when they can't walk strongly forward we criticize because they are hobbling, they are not doing what they are supposed to do. Why should we give them the tools to be successful, if they can't be