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local businesses. This is an amendment that is very important for rural Nebraska and I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We have an amendment to the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment. (See page 2086 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my amendment doesn't cost any money, doesn't take any money out of the appropriations. It just makes this a more palatable amendment for you to pass. Now if a missionary was to be located in a community... (No overlap between tapes.) Some debate may be lost.) ...to find converts to his way of thinking, where would the missionary go? Would he go through a big city and then go out into the countryside and look for converts? Or would he live out in the countryside with the people he wished to convert? In my opinion he would live with those people. He would become part of those people. He would learn how they feel, how they think, what they want to do, where they want to go. So this amendment merely states that one of these offices shall be located in a community of 5,000 population or less. That's all it does. Let's do that. Let's try it and see what happens when we take all of these governmental, all these state agencies, all these people and put it right down where the troops are, where the actual people are who are involved and have them work out of that community instead of placing them in the city and having them go out to the community. It doesn't add any more offices, it doesn't add any more money, it just merely says if this amendment passes, one of those field offices will be located in a community of 5,000 or less. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Schellpeper and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. President and members, actually...I'm going to actually support Senator Haberman's amendment. I think he's pointing out in some ways maybe part of the reason that the committee as a whole opted not to fund this provision, of course, it was included in the Governor's recommendation and we all know that there's been a...one of the biggest buzz words of