

And those are the communities I want to help. I don't really think that having those field officers out there is going to be the salvation of those small communities. There's some other things we can do, some other things we can spend our money on that will probably have a longer lasting impact to all of greater Nebraska than these four things and I always...part of the reason all of Bernard-Stevens' amendments have been the agencies that I'm designed to...I'm assigned to. I mentioned I heard Senator Bernard-Stevens talking about the spawning of ideas and I want to remind him, that amendment got on yesterday, Senator Bernard-Stevens. That was the aquaculture amendment, but this is the four field officers, another great program, but I think you have to decide where you're going to spend your money and what it is you're trying to do, and as I said, I'm going to support Senator Haberman's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper is next, but may I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony. We have guests of Senators Pirsch, Senator Chambers and Senator Chizek. We have 53 sixth grade students and two teachers from Masters School in Omaha. Would you folks all please rise so we may greet you. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I also rise to support Senator Haberman's amendment. I think it's a good amendment. Anytime that you can help any small town, I think we should attempt to do that and this amendment will do that. The cost of this bill is about \$230,000 so it's no large amount but yet it's...when you start adding them all up it is an amount, but I think it's something that will help our rural towns. This idea with the DED is supported by an awful lot of people across the whole state, the South Platte Chamber, the Lincoln Chamber, the Omaha Chamber, the Nebraska League, the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, so it has a lot of support across the whole state, so it is not just these rural communities that are trying to do it, the large towns are also trying to help these rural towns. So I think it's a good amendment and I also support the Haberman amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Hefner and Senator Nelson.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I want to draw the attention to our Renaissance man over here, Senator Frank