

we need to help greater Nebraska instead of just here in Lincoln. We need to try to accommodate the small communities that are struggling after they have come through the farm crisis. Field offices will provide some of the help and some of the leadership in this area. And to you urban senators, I would say, and Senator Wesely in particular, this is a chance to help rural Nebraska and let's do that. Senator Wesely says, well, these field offices failed five or six years ago. They didn't fail. The reason that we closed them was because we didn't have enough money. We was going through the farm crisis, tax receipts were down and we had to cut someplace and where do we usually cut? We usually cut in the rural areas. Senator Wesely, we don't cut here in Lincoln, we cut in the rural areas and now we've got a chance to help them, now you refuse to help us. Reconsider your action on this and vote to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Baack.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, will be opposing this amendment and I'll tell you why. Sounds good, does nothing anymore than is being provided out there right now. There may be some communities, I'll say Ainsworth, Nebraska, probably needs an office; Franklin community certainly does, but the proposed locations, I cannot speak for Scottsbluff, Nebraska, I'm not familiar but I'm sure that they are very professional. We talk about an office in Norfolk, Nebraska. Every one of us senators get letters every few weeks from the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. I will guarantee you that they know what is available and that they know what is...could be had and to help that area. My community, we have a professional industrial foundation. We have a chamber of commerce. We have the South Platte Nebraska Chamber of Commerce. That's from Holdrege, Nebraska to Aurora, Nebraska. We have Ken Wortman, head of the diplomats in Aurora, Nebraska. I will guarantee you that this...there is no one that could go out there that would have any more information available except make work, job sounds good, than what is available out there right now. This communication, they have an 800 number to call. It's sounds like, boy, we're going out and help the farmers, we're going to have economic development, we're going to stretch that word a little bit further. You take Kearney, they have a professional, a gentleman at the chamber of commerce. Hastings has people at the chamber of commerce. They know, they have roads people,