

they have education people, they have people specialized in asking for grants. I cannot see that this would be doing anything but building state budget. If they...I know that economic development is certainly, or this is not overfunded. That I'm not saying, but this is...sounds good. Take my nursing program, the demand out there is probably 20 times greater than what it is for these offices out for the rural people. You ask them what is most important out in the rural area. They will say the nursing shortage without any question at all. This is half of the price that I'm asking for my nursing program. I can't see that this is going to do anything that the professional people are not out there to do right now. Senator Schellpeper or Senator Hefner, would you tell me how this could build up any better than what we currently have?

PRESIDENT: Which one do you wish to speak to?

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Schellpeper.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schellpeper, would you respond, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Could you please tell me how that another office out there could do any better than our professional people right now that are full-time chamber of commerce people, the diplomats, the South Platte Chamber of Commerce, 20 or so communities band together, how are they going to do any more by this than they're already doing?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator Nelson, the point is that the small towns do not have any chamber. They are not as large as what Grand Island is. We do not have the services in all of our small towns. We need to have somebody out there to help our small towns. Grand Island doesn't need it. Norfolk doesn't need it, but the small towns surrounding them need it because they do not have the expertise so that's why we need it.

SENATOR NELSON: Okay, then is it any worse to drive to Norfolk as a small town? If you put an office there than what is right now? They can go to Norfolk, it's the Grand Island area Chamber of Commerce. We don't exclude Wood River or Alda, Nebraska. The same thing here, Beatrice, how close to Lincoln?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If there is anything that is going to come in the Norfolk area, it's going to be located in Norfolk. The small towns are not going to get it, I'll tell you that right