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now. The small towns have to do it themselves. They need to look out for themselves because Norfolk-Grand Island will not look out for them.

SENATOR NELSON: I think we do. I think we look out. I'll give Hefner a second of my time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, thank you, Senator Nelson, but...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...I just want to cite an experience in the 19th Legislative District. The largest town I have in my district is 1,700 population. They don't have an economic development office in any of these towns. They can hardly keep their chamber of commerce going or their community clubs or commercial clubs. So if we could have an office in Norfolk, they could get help out of this Norfolk office, and this is what we see across Nebraska. We have so many of these small towns that are just struggling to stay alive and if they could have a little help to start a little, maybe two or three employee business, this is what we need.

SENATOR NELSON: If I could see anything that was provided that isn't being provided, I could support it. I know that we need rural help. Like I said, the Franklin community or Red Cloud or Cambridge, Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR NELSON: They all need it, but I don't think we're going to get anything more than we have out there now, hopefully so.

PRESIDENT: Time. Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Baack, and then Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm not really certain how I'm going to vote on this amendment, but I would really like to have some kind of dollars and cents evaluation by someone on the Appropriations Committee, if I could, as to the benefits of the entire Department of Economic Development. I wonder if, over the years, the money we've invested there has