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kinds of funds that they could match with a soft match...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...so they could get off the ground with an office as they get things going and you would be amazed at what's going on in those three little communities right now. We need a pool of dollars in this state so that we can help the really small businesses, the ones that don't need \$50,000 to get started, the ones that need a small amount of money just to help them get off the ground. I think that when we talk about small businesses, many of us in here don't really realize how small businesses really are in our little towns in Nebraska. Those people out there are the ones that know what they need. I think we need to...that's why I'm going to support the amendment. I think we need to get those, if we're going to have the offices, get them into the small communities so that they are actually seen and living with the folks, not traveling around having coffee with them. In fact, if this does not get the amendment adopted, and we pass the original amendment, I think I'll apply for that. I'd like to go around having coffee all day long. I don't think that's the purpose of these people.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: I think it's to give them assistance.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests in the north balcony, please, of Senator Goodrich. We have 31 fourth graders from Prairie Lane and Sunset Hills in Omaha with two teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Scofield, please, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I have distributed two maps for you to take a look at here and one would indicate at this point, the half circles would show you where the new offices would go and it also shows you where other economic development offices currently exist and what this does not also show is where there are Nebraska Business Development Centers, one of which is in Chadron, one Scottsbluff, one North Platte, one Wayne, one Peru, one Kearney directed by UN-O. There are numbers of other activities going on out there like the one Senator Smith mentioned that's going on and so my concern with the whole concept of field offices all along has