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proposed offices by the Department of Economic Development was in the City of Beatrice. Again, I apologize for not being present, but I was dedicating a family resource center, a model for the nation, in Beatrice yesterday morning. Due to the fact, obviously, that this body does enjoy lunch, and I think the action was taken somewhat hastily, I would make my motion very simple. I would like to have the Scofield amendment reconsidered. I'll give the balance of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, it looks like about four minutes left.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Yesterday was an interesting day, we were on the last amendment, at least as far as LB 813 was concerned, unless another had been filed. And I don't believe that is the case at this point. And the body is getting down to the wire, we're all aware of that. The pressure is starting to mount, tensions are starting to boil over just a little bit in certain areas. And we got to a point where Senator Scofield offered an amendment to an amendment that I had. We were running very late, close to the noon hour, in fact on the noon hour, and Senator Scofield's amendment, for the most part, was a point that Senator Scofield was trying to make. And I don't think, in talking with her, that she was even...she was amazed, I think, that the amendment flew, though she would be the first to say that all her amendments have great merit and great thought behind them, particularly when her staff do the maps, you know there is a lot of thought behind them. However, when discussion on the Scofield amendment began there was not significant discussion opposing the Scofield amendment. In fact, to my knowledge, I know I was not able to speak, and certainly I would have been a major antagonist to the amendment, others that would be major antagonists had their buttons pushed but were unable to speak. The question was called, stomachs growled, lunch was waiting, tempers were ready to be cooled, the vote was taken, adjournment was made and now we have the Scofield amendment. We even had a newspaper article this morning quoting all the things the Legislature said on Department of Economic Development, which is interesting. The interesting thing is they didn't quote anyone particularly that was speaking in favor of the Department of Economic Development. There is a good reason for that, not because there isn't any feeling on the floor, but because they did not get a chance to speak. I always find it interesting