

move off of this subject, in fact so that we could keep moving. But again the discussion this morning points out the need that this is probably \$200,000 that we can very well do without because of the fact that it is duplicating what is being done out there now. I appreciate the fact that Senator Byars was not here yesterday morning to defend the bill and so on. But I have a question of you, Senator Beyer. What do you feel that could be offered in this that your Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, your Beatrice people that are professionally trained, are in here to do this, that this office could offer, a few miles out of Lincoln, really not that far.

PRESIDENT: Senator Byars, please.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, we have...and it's Byars with an S, Emil gets very angry with me when we say "Byar", then address the mail to me. Yes, as a past chairman of the Gage County Board of Supervisors and also the past president of the Gage County Industrial Corporation, even though we have the financial resources, because of the dedication of our...the members of our community to pursue economic development, we could not have accomplished what we have accomplished in our area without the help of DED. By having the field office...

SENATOR NELSON: I agree.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes. By having the field office located in Beatrice that can reach out, not only to Beatrice, but to Fairbury, that has a tremendous need, to southeast Nebraska, down in Senator Morrissey's district, the smaller communities that do need help.

SENATOR NELSON: Enough, my time.

SENATOR BYARS: Okay.

SENATOR NELSON: Is it that far down to Senator Morrissey's district? It isn't, another 20 minutes to drive where you could come in here to the efficiency. You take every one of these communities that we're talking...we're going back to, nearly every one of them have people that are directly working with DED, you see them into Lincoln here very regular. I served a few years ago on a committee with Senator Wesely, all of them were in here. It's another...it sounds good, it sounds big, the Governor is taking care of the rural people. Again I'll say