

let's give them some nurses out there, let's help what really the need is, not another duplication. It sounds good, it appeases the farmers and it appeases the rural people. Again, I have mixed emotions why the whole issue should be voted down and let's move on. But again you take it into a community. We need one up in Senator Dierks area, O'Neill, Nebraska. We certainly need it down in the Franklin-Red Cloud, and I know these other areas. But also when you move it and you put an office I will say down in Franklin, Nebraska maybe or in that area then are you going to get the people to drive from the other small communities to that office, you are not. They are going into either North Platte or Kearney, somewhere to go to their doctor and take care of their business and to come into that area. They are not going to go to that little town to find out what economic development is either. And the fact that they might be staffed by volunteers or so on, I don't think they would be too knowledgeable on economic grants and issues. So again it's a good point to just defeat the bill and let's move on. That's 200,000 that we can certainly say we're only duplicating what is out there now.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Byars, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I would. Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I think what we're talking about here, as much as anything else, is the...is this body taking away administrative duties from the Department of Economic Development. I think we are tying their hands in rebuilding a department that is vital to this state. If we take away this duty, that has been mandated to them, what will we take away next? I think it's absolutely imperative that we leave some administrative discretion with the department. I would ask you to allow us to debate this a little further, I promise to be as brief as I can