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if it's not good in Bellevue, why is it so good in Norfolk? That is a self-answering question. It's strictly public relations for DED and the Governor. I think that regardless of what we do with this amendment, we should kill the bill and get on with the budget. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Byars, please, followed by Senator Hefner and Senator Schmit. Senator Byars, please.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll try to be brief and outline as quickly as possible the reasons for the original recommended locations of the field offices. Number one, because they are centrally located in each of the proposed service regions, this was thought out very carefully, which allowed more efficient staff utilization and resources. Number two, they would allow greater interaction and coordination with other service providers, because in every case in each one of these locations the regional offices or campuses of other institutions are in these communities. Number three, every one of the recommended communities offer support services that are absolutely necessary by the field office. Number four, because of the central location of each of these offices, communities would have greater ease of access to the office. Number five, the communities and the regions recommended would allow coverage to the entire state providing a balance in service delivery. Community needs aren't isolated to narrowly definable geographic areas. Number six, and, finally, as I said before, in the final analysis, we need to allow some administrative discretion with the management of the agency. I ask you to defeat this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Dierks.

SENATOR HEFNER: Question.

PRESIDENT: The 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.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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