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Baack, because if you don't, you are still going to leave an awful lot of people out in the cold. Ordinarily, I would say, yeah, we are absolutely out of line to dictate where these offices are, but in this case, given the history of this agency and given what appears to be a total, either confusion or lack of commitment to rural Nebraska, I think in our role as legislative oversight of an agency that is purporting to do something for rural Nebraska, that maybe we ought to give them a little help because I think our judgment is better than theirs at this point until I am proven wrong. So I would urge you to stick with this amendment, and then listen to what Senator Baack has to say about his other proposal, because I still maintain that is really the way to start, if we are going to do something for rural Nebraska. Senator Baack, if you would like to say a few words, you can have some time. If you don't want any time, I am done.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, would you like the few remaining moments. You have two minutes.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, thank you, Senator Scofield. Mr. President and colleagues, one thing, you know, that I concern myself about, if we, you know, even establishing the regional office, I am going to support this amendment because I think it makes a whole lot more sense than just dumping those offices out there. I don't support the offices at all. You know I want to make that very, very clear. I don't support establishing any more regional offices for the Department of Economic Development. I am going to vote against this because I think it is money poured down a rat hole. I don't support that, but I will support this amendment. I think that Senator Scofield is making an effort to put the offices where they make the most sense, and I think that is what we need to do, and it provides accessibility. When you come from my area of the state, that is what you worry about is accessibility, and this provides better accessibility than the offices that DED has. I will yield the rest of the time to Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please, you have one minute.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. We need leadership from DED, not duplication of programs and services that are already out there. We look at the map and we see where these places...these offices will be located. We are putting them in a place where there is already that kind of service available,