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and Senator Scofield is right on. Rural Nebraska is struggling to survive, and I am talking about real rural Nebraska, the small communities, the little businesses. We need this money more than we need any field offices into a pot of money which could be used for grants or low interest loans for an incentive for those people to either get started in their little tiny businesses, or else to help them to continue to expand, and I would have one question, and I haven't really heard the answer to that yet, and that is, do they have a plan of action for what they will do in these field offices when they get out there? I haven't heard anything that talks about what they propose to do. Senator Korshoj says he was told there would be one staff and perhaps a typist. Did they tell you what that staff person would do?

PRESIDENT: Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker, members, no, they didn't tell me. I assume that they are going to just be an image out there. I don't think they are going to do anything. What can they do? They have no...

SENATOR SMITH: Well, my concern is that like 21 or 22 counties to cover for one staff person, all they will be doing is either traveling or sitting in...

PRESIDENT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SMITH: ...the office answering the phone and that is the big concern that I have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Scofield amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, we might as well have a call of the house and a roll call vote just to expedite things here.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to go under call.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Will you please record