

amendment. I would hope that we would not agree to the Wesely amendment. We have already stated the case as clearly as we possibly can on why the branch offices are worth the funding for the four areas that we have. Senator Wesely is, just once again, trying to find another way to do a regionalized approach, which is one that we should maybe look at. We have got 639 coming up. The amendment would be excellent on 639. It is transferring money into another area, and I would like to point out, Senator Scofield had a nice map for us yesterday showing us where the business development corporations were, and she colored in all those areas, and surprisingly enough, Senator Wesely is going to put money and staff into those areas, and the one area where Senator Scofield had a big concern, and Senator Baack had a big concern, was Ord, Red Cloud, and that whole mid-central section of Nebraska. And guess what? In Senator Scofield's map, that was a big solid, if there can be a solid white. That was not covered by any of the business development corporations, and that was the concern the body had. So it would make no sense then to me to turn right around and say, well, let's go ahead and put money into those business development corporations, knowing that we don't cover or there is a major part of the state that is not developed in that particular manner. It doesn't make sense when you look at covering the state. We have made our position clear, I think, on the branched offices. Let us get our work done. Let us defeat this amendment, go with the amendment that is pending, pass 813, and move onward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Byars, please, followed by Senator Moore. Senator Moore, please. I believe it is a little soon to call the question, Senator Moore. Senator Lamb, please. We will catch you when you come back down. Senator Langford, did you wish to speak on this? Senator Langford, may I introduce some guests before you speak. In the north balcony, Senator Lamb has 27 eighth graders from Bassett Public Schools with their teacher. Would you folks please stand so we may welcome you to the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Langford, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I...

PRESIDENT: Senator Langford, I am going to interrupt you again. (Gavel.) Let's hold this conversation down a little so we can hear Senator Langford. Thank you.