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in fact, I recall a few years ago, having a bill that I introduced, LB 736, and at that time I was concerned about how many groups were out there duplicating each other's efforts and tried to bring some coordination together and get some cooperation and I would like to say that has worked brilliantly and it has not, but I think the NBDCs have emerged as the entity out there that really has the credibility and serves small communities the best. That's where people call and I think that this is an entirely appropriate amendment to offer, Senator Wesely. If we're going to...it certainly makes more sense again, I think, than building another field office. It's concentrating resources in a place that would work. So I'm going to support you on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I also would like to rise in support of this particular amendment. I believe, being a person who in the past has worked with NBDC, particularly at the Wayne site, that has gotten to be the central focus for the northeast Nebraska region as to where those people involved in economic development frequent, have identified with and know that's where the resources are. As those people merge on those sites, one of the biggest problems we've had in economic development is for people knowing where to turn and the coverage and the knowledge of their existence is there and I think that by enhancing these presence in the existing sites would behoove the process and I don't want to take all of Senator Wesely's time, but I would like to also support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, you still have a little over a minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I wish we had more debate about this. Senator Korshoj, do you want any time? I know you were looking to...

SENATOR KORSHOJ: I'll vote yes, so...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Well, the real basis of this is, is rather than create a second system out there, is we've got a system in place that's underfunded. It makes much more sense to better fund the existing system. It works, it's been successful, it isn't a duplication and it's...