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PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. May I take a moment, Lottie Henderson, would you step out here where we can see you, please. I'm sure most of you know Lottie. Lottie is having a birthday today and the cake being presented to you is because she is having her 79th birthday today and she has been our postmaster in the Legislative Council since 1971. And in addition to that she drives semi trucks across the country once in a while and has had an interesting career. Lottie, we're happy to have your 79th birthday and the cake that you presented today and good luck to you. (applause) Do you want to make a correction? Okay. Oh, pardon me, ma'am. Thank you for the correction. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the Bernard-Stevens amendment, Senator, you had an amendment to it yourself. Do you want to withdraw that? Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend the Bernard-Stevens amendment. (Conway amendment appears on page 2115 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President and members, I think Senator Wesely raised a very good point, one dealing with efficiency, one with dealing with knowledge the people already have in terms of who is out there. The amendment that I am offering at this time basically identifies the fact that DED will have four sites as they originally desired, but having those sites where we already have the resources, where we already have the personnel, where we already have the libraries, where we already have a backlog of information and other professionals working in economic development. So what I have suggested in this is that we give the \$235,000, we identify those sites. It would still be an independent autonomous office and entity of DED, but those sites should be identified so that they are at the same location of our four primary Business Development Centers that are already out there, those being Chadron, Kearney, Peru and Wayne. We have staff of people there, we have a situation where people are very cognizant of where to call, who to call. That has been worked on for many, many years and as Senator Scofield, I believe, aptly pointed out, are well respected in those general regions. They have an identified area that they work in and that person, that DED person could have that autonomy but if we're going to have rural sites, put them there so that when