

Conway wouldn't have any problem even if they put that location in Scottsbluff or somewhere else, but I think this again reiterates the track record that the NBDCs have. Our goal obviously should be to avoid duplication and to best serve the state I think this does that. And so I think that's a sensible solution. I would say once again if, in fact, you decide you want to fund more field offices, this makes a great deal more sense to me than the earlier proposal. It covers the state better. It should lead to some more coordination out there and, again, should not confuse the public any further by giving them the central place where they know they can go and find services. And so I would suggest that, again, if you are committed to field offices, this is a very wise and prudent use of fiscal resources to do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper, Senator Schmit and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Again, since both of these are in my district, it shouldn't make any difference to me one way or the other. However, I feel that if these people are going to be under the direction of DED, that they should have the prerogative, making the decision where the field offices ought to be. Our duty is to provide direction for DED. It isn't to tell them how to do their job day by day. So I guess philosophically I disagree with telling them where the field offices ought to be. But whichever way you vote, my district is in, so... But I personally feel that we should leave the prerogative with DED. So, again, please vote against the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question has been called. Do I see five hands? Now I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Conway, would you close, please.