

because we have looked at it, this is what we need to accomplish what we in rural Nebraska, we in western Nebraska and we in the State of Nebraska need for branched offices for our Department of Economic Development. Don't tell me that they screwed up when they said, "You know, we never thought that we might have to put other people, we never thought of office space, we never thought of these things, we are not going to get our bang for the dollar." They looked at those things. They took all of that into consideration. And they said, these are the areas of the state that we feel that we can get the biggest bang for the buck. They looked at it, they came to the Legislature and said, "This is what we would like to do." And now, in a last minute, and I might add some very political minutes, this department... this agency... Department of Agency, now I really am getting carried away. The legislative branch that says that we are going to forget all of that, we haven't looked at it. We don't know what is available, we don't know what's available in those cities, not one person in here with the exception of Senator Conway and Senator Scofield that come in and say that those cities you have just chosen, where its going to be, is there space available, what the people are going to be like, did they want it, nobody in this body has even thought about it until now, but we have said that we are going to take the areas and the people that have looked at it, that have decided, we are going to say we don't care. We are going to pick an area that nobody even knows, we are going to go that direction. That is bad policy. Maybe we need it like this to get something like this, Senator Conway, maybe we owe you a little bit of thanks because the mood has been so mellow, so mild, that maybe we needed something like this to get us going on some of these other amendments to get through so we can get on to other bills as well. But I ask the body to reconsider, and I don't do that because of North Platte, Nebraska. I do that for the reasons I stated before. It is bad policy. The people who have studied it and looked at it and have decided what is best for the state in their view, we have given them the permission to do the branch offices, we have appropriated the money to do so, now let them do their job. By golly, if you don't like what they do there are elections coming up. There is next year's appropriations. But, don't shoot people in the foot and then come back next year and say, boy we didn't like what you did in economic development. Because if you come back and say that, the proper response is, "Well you didn't let us do what we wanted to do in the first place." You have to in education with people, with agencies, ladies and gentlemen, you have to give