

situation and I am not here to bang on the Department of Economic Development just to make the point that I think that was the right decision. I would like to give the rest of my time first to Senator Smith for a couple of minutes and then next to Senator Morrissey for a couple of minutes, Mr. President. I want to give two minutes of my time to Senator Smith and then two minutes of my time to Senator Morrissey.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, thank you Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, just a moment please. (Gavel) Let's hold it down please.

SENATOR SMITH: It won't take me very long to say what I have to say, but I would just say to you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, that I think this is the best utilization of the four regional offices. I guess I don't understand why, you know, why it is so important to you where they are exactly located if, in fact, the location of them will facilitate and be able to coordinate the kinds of other services that are out there. I think for instance that in Kearney, the NBDC Center there is one of the best we have in the state and, in fact, I was told this morning by people who worked indirectly with ATDC that their understanding, I mean this was ATDC who told me their understanding and they work with DEC, or DED, I keep saying "C" all the time, that this was the idea he understood for them wanting to place it for instance in Kearney was that they could utilize existing offices or they could utilize existing staff without duplication so that, in fact, their funds that are a part of this can give them more opportunity for more reasons to spread out over more communities. And, I guess that I can't understand why the big argument and the big concern about placing them where we already have existing other centers which are providing the same kinds of services so we can better coordinate and utilize the services that we can get out to those people. That's...I will not support the reconsideration motion based on this. I will now give my remainder of my time to Senator Morrissey.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. Senator Morrissey please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. I support Senator Conway's amendment. I know the DED chose, used some rationale and chose