

their cities but one other rationale they did use for choosing their cities is they did not want a town that was real small because their people would not want to live there. Now that bothers me. That is not good rationale, that is not good thinking. If we are working towards developing business in these small towns we need to have people who understand what's going on there and we already have those people in place. This is very good streamlining of the process. I think it makes a lot of sense. I've supported it all along. And, I don't think we are shooting the DED in the foot by locating in these towns because they have already proven that they can do their job and just a little more money from us folks here, I think they will continue to do the job and do it even better than we could have it done in the aforementioned cities. I will get absolutely no good out of the plan the way it is or was before we adopted this amendment. So I would urge you to not support the reconsideration and leave it the way that Senator Conway has amended it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, you still had two minutes, did you wish to use it or...

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Conway, do you want a couple of my minutes? Give the rest of my time to Senator Conway.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. A couple of things that Senator David Bernard-Stevens pointed out that I think is important to consider. First of all, I didn't offer this as a willy-nilly and not thought out relative to, in comparison to what DED did. I have been a college professor for 15 years, most all of that time working in areas of consulting work for banking, finance, insurance and real estate. I have worked with NBDC Centers and have done a great deal of economic development. For the last year I chaired the Council of State Government's Economic Division. I don't feel that I just kind of floated in and had this wild whim in terms of what is probably important. As far as these offices are concerned the most important thing with the office location is the resource. We have been told that these field officers are going to be out working these small communities in these regions. They are going to be out in their car going from town to town and on invitation to come in and do speaking and to help with whatever resources DED has. It would be the most valuable thing in my mind to those offices