

that their central specific location, even if they are not in it, that there is someone there who can take their calls, that when they get back to the office they have the resources to do the kinds of things they want to do in conjunction with what that office has already done. In almost every case, the first front line contact in many cases for economic development are the Nebraska Business Development Centers and then they have come to the Department of Economic Development to find out what state resources we have, how can we dovetail into manpower training programs or how can we do things that the state has. The first line of defense is the NBDCs and I think that it makes sense that those locations are site specific so, therefore, let that be the so-called home base for that field officer who is out, I assume, floating around in the communities as he is being requested and it seems to make more sense. The very fact that that office being there, if it is not going to be an effective office, is not going to be of particular value. So I offered this amendment in that sense and I hope that you don't vote the reconsideration. The other thing I think there has been some misunderstanding on the floor in that some people came in late, short my amendment, remember, we already allocated the \$235,000 into LB 813. This is simply identifying a site specific situation of where the resources ought to be located. So with that I hope you will not support the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

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

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think the body is hopefully clear on the issue. I don't need to take much more time on the closing. I will say to keep in mind that the Department of Economic Development, what these areas will do, as the discussion brought out earlier in the week is that it is bringing together people and bringing together resources. And, in order to bring