

person does not have all of the resources it takes, he is not going to accomplish all that much. You are going to have that person floating around from community to community and without the resources he is going to say, "Well I would like to help you out, but our real expertise is in Lincoln, or at the business development center which is on down the road, it isn't located where I am, so I will take you over there and we will talk to them, I'll get you an 800 number to Lincoln and we will accomplish those things through that process." I think we can bring these parts together getting them working together. What happened to that one-stop shop center we talked about two years ago? That is how we are going to accomplish DED, we had too many things spread out. We want to centralize those so that the right hand knew what the left hand was doing. That is what this would do. Otherwise I think we are going to be in a situation where...we are talking about putting economic development centers 28 miles down the road from where we already have the business development centers. What are we going to do? We might as well be in Lincoln. We are going to be in the car going back and forth talking to each other saying well what can DED do and back and forth, when that person could just as easily be sitting there across the room. If the field officer is out doing what he is doing, he is going to have the NBDC Center there to cover his calls, he is going to have, like I say, the other kinds of physical plant resources, the computers, the secretaries, the backlog, the library information and all that goes with it. I just think we can do a whole lot more with \$235,000 by providing that energy than we can by having them at a different location for what appears to be nothing more than political popularity. So, that is why I offer the amendment. I hope that is why 25 people supported it initially and I hope those 25 and maybe a few more will stay with that amendment rather than try to peel it off at this point.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are a number of lights on I think from previous amendment or motion, I'll go through them quickly. If you would like to speak to the Conway amendment, please raise your hand, if not your light will be erased. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I very much support Senator Conway's amendment. I think we spent enough time on this bill. We are on the roll again. I'm certainly not