

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lindsay's amendment to the Scofield amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Lindsay amendment is adopted. Do you have any other amendments to the amendment, Mr. Clerk? We're back to the committee amendments. Senator Chizek, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Would Senator Scofield yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: On page 5, line 16, an identification of the geographic area to be served by the proposed program and the target population to be served. In the event you have, two, three, four or more counties that go together, as has been discussed, would that be one geographic area or would, if five counties are together, would each one of those be able to apply for grants or would the target area have to apply for those?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: The intent here would be to encourage rural counties, in particular, to come in and apply as a region and, in fact, the intent would be for the granting entity to take a look at that and recognize, for instance, if one of my small communities, say 1,500 people, comes in with this ambitious proposal, it's clear that they can't carry it off and so the intent here is to encourage those kinds of communities to come in together and it would be a self-defined geographic area, but if they are...if they limit their geographic area to say, 1,500 people, you and I both know that simply is unrealistic and so the encouragement is in here to ask them to come in and say we're four or five counties together, we are applying for one grant and, obviously, they would have a much better chance of being funded than say one very small area coming in with a very specific interest. On the other hand, an urban area like Omaha, where you might have one neighborhood, that's probably a large enough population base that you could justify a neighborhood perhaps coming in if you had a particular set of problems.

SENATOR CHIZEK: And on the make-up, Senator, of the committee, I noticed three, four, it's identified in the amendment that four county officials will be on the committee. Is that