

example, and that is just one market, you've gone a long way towards developing a business relationship without the necessity of going through a trade show and that can be done by an individual who is familiar with those people. The bill I brought to the Legislature was a trade show bill. It's less expensive, but it basically provides for grants to smaller companies or medium-sized companies to...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...provide mechanisms through trade shows to get their products out into the markets. That whole bill or that concept does not work without Senator Johnson's concept and Senator Wesely's. It just doesn't...there is no point in my mind, I mean, I'd just as soon not run the bill if we don't have the backup that we need in Lincoln, certainly, but also in the field in Asia, one, I think we definitely need one person in Asia, we definitely need one person in...and I think it's Germany in answer to Senator Coordsen's question. I don't think there is any question but that Germany is where that person ought to be, both because it is centrally located in the middle of Europe and now obviously Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia are countries that are going to be dealing with us on an ongoing basis. Germany is centrally located. It is the economic center of Europe. That is where most of the business is done, so I would suggest that we would look at having someone in Frankfurt and someone in Asia...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...in Bangkok or some place, Hong Kong, or some place in Asia and I think it's an excellent bill, one of the most important bills we have before us this session, and I wholeheartedly support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens who, incidentally, does have a guest under the north balcony, Mr. John Wells of North Platte. Mr. Wells, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us this morning. Senator David.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, rise in the litany of people who are praising Senator Johnson's bill, 1019. I do have some of the same concerns that Senator Coordsen had and I fully intend to support