

duplicate. The only comment that I will make beyond that is the industry of tourism and that can be very big. I don't know how many of you realize there are quite a number of clubs over in Germany that are Oregon Trail Clubs. They are very fascinated with the Oregon Trail. And as you know, we have many, many of our people who are descendants from the Germans and also from the Czechs and this is an area that has great potential. One other comment, the more that we begin to trade with various areas of the world, the stronger our relationship will go, be and not only will there be an economic benefit, but there will be a social benefit from that of recognizing and understanding and appreciating ourselves throughout the world. That is all I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Very quickly, so that people don't understand. I do support this bill, but don't expect, don't expect the Department of Economic Development to set up a foreign trade office with the funding of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, the only thing I would like to add and I, as well as all of the other speakers, strongly endorse the bill. I got to watch a briefing from the State Department to the Governor's Association a while back talking about the eastern Europe changes. One facet that I don't think we have spoke too often about relative to this trade issue is the very fact that much of what is going to be happening in east Europe is going to be directly related with their turning over what in many cases is a government activity now into privatization. There are going to be lots of opportunities for American companies to actually go in and procure some of those activities, take them over and have an interrelationship, both there and here, and there is going to be many of these opportunities and many of those eastern European countries are going to be looking for Nebraska or American investors who maybe want a branch plant and then will have that ongoing relationship back and forth. So there is going to be many opportunities in our service industry and we're going to need some formal contact technique so that the businesses here are aware of the opportunities there and the people there are aware of the opportunities here and the trades and the products and everything that goes with it. So I think that this is a