

seven small Lincoln businesses since September 1. This help in the form of loans or loan guarantees will, it is said, retain or create a total of 84 jobs in the next two years. Business expansion could provide as many as 230 jobs by the fall of 1993. Conditions the city has placed on those seeking access to community development block grant dollars are fair and realistic considering Lincoln is participating in risk sharing. The federal cash patches a hole in companion private financing. Job levels must be held or increased. The money comes back for revolving fund reuse purposes and a very commendable part of this public-private partnership, a combination that has virtually become a contemporary American model is that it is open to public accountability. So in one article they are talking about, you know, how bad this is going to be, and then in some page further back in the same one they are talking about, they are praising Lincoln for doing this for the businesses, small businesses, and they are talking about accountability. Senator Scofield has already told us the accountability provisions in LRC11, 11CA excuse me, are much, much more detailed than those that are required presently by the federal community's block grant dollars. And, you know, Senator Wesely, I hate to pick on you because you're my friend and you sit beside me, but I'm feeling that maybe it's necessary this morning because of the comments. I can only pick on your comments so far. You talked about the possibility of leading to rural versus urban split on issues that we deal with. This is, yes, an issue that could become a rural versus urban split if that is what you want to make it into. If we only see senators from Lincoln and Omaha standing up opposing this, it tells the rural senators, it gives us a message, yeah, it's good for us but it's not good for you and we don't want to anything that is going to help you. You know, when you come in with Commonwealth over and over, you want our vote on that and you know that it impacts only particularly across the State of Nebraska, Lincoln to the greatest degree, you think we should support you on that...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: In my district, Senator Wesely, I think, I've been told, I've only known one person that has been impacted negatively with Commonwealth, but I've been told there are eight people in my district, and yet you want me to vote for something that is not going to affect my district, so keep those things in mind when you stand up here and talk about what we want, but