

which is, in essence, saying Scottsbluff. There are other legitimate interests in the State of Nebraska as well, be it McCook, or North Platte, or Grand Island, Norfolk, or what have you. Let's just simply say there is a problem. We appreciate the government looking back and say we are going to open one, and we will simply say in Nebraska there needs to be another flight service station. Quite honestly, when we say in Nebraska, the government is looking at some place in central or western Nebraska. They are looking at specific locations which are climatic differences, such as, again, Grand Island, North Platte, McCook or Scottsbluff. But I think we need to be a little bit careful on putting the exact geography in there because, number one, it says something that we don't want to say as a Legislature, and the government, quite honestly, is going to put it where it darn well pleases anyway, so we might as well be consistent with that and keep the other options open. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wickersham, do you wish to discuss the amendment? He passes. Senator Conway, do you wish to discuss the amendment by Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in support of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to this resolution. Again, I noticed the specificity, as we looked at it, and saying that, I turned around and saw Senator Bernard-Stevens heading up the aisle with his amendment, I was about to do the same thing. I think to identify the Panhandle specific and that may be the most legitimate place, but to identify it that specific when, in fact, the flight service stations, as I remember them, as a former pilot, we used to have the manned stations around, and they were very beneficial as a pilot, in many cases for just exchanging localized traffic information, in terms of weather conditions and the like. And they are quite valuable to the pilots, and to identify specifically the Panhandle, as Senator Bernard-Stevens said, is probably being just too specific. There may be other situations where the nature of that particular station, whether it be in North Platte, or whether it be in Valentine, or wherever that may be, I can remember years ago flying and there was not a VOR station in the middle of the state. Ultimately, there was one put into Thedford. Prior to that time, I am not sure flying over about 15,000 feet there was a big, black nonnavigational hole in the middle of Nebraska. So we have just brought some of