

our standards for aviation up in recent years, and I think it'd certainly be a good idea to have a manned station, but to be that specific may preclude or cause someone to raise an eyebrow relative to what we are really asking for. What we really want is a manned station in those critical areas that are out there. So with that, I support Senator David Bernard-Stevens' amendment to this resolution.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Hillman, on the amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I would just like to add the State Department of Aeronautics is willing to support a flight station to be used in western Nebraska, no particular city, but they feel that it needs to be located in western Nebraska. When the federals were removing the flight service stations, Scottsbluff's was the last one to go because it was the most needed. The Scottsbluff area is also an alternate airport for Stapleton out of Denver, when they can't get in there. The flying conditions are very unique, very different, and I would suggest we need western Nebraska in the resolution.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Bernard-Stevens? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Bernard-Stevens makes a point with his proposed amendment. However, I think you have to realize that the Panhandle of Nebraska is a substantially large enough region, I think, to allow a fair amount of discretion about where this flight service station might be situated. I think it is also advisable to consider that we do, in fact, need a substantial geographical dispersion of flight service stations in the State of Nebraska so that we can keep track of the rapidly changing climatical conditions as they occur across the state. The weather in Scottsbluff, the weather in Harrison, the weather in Alliance, the weather in Chadron, it often changes very quickly. It is impossible to adequately monitor that from Columbus. I would urge the body not to adopt Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any other discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens? Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close, please?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, I appreciate the words