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want to thank Senator Bourne for bringing this amendment. He had visited with me about it and I just wish it had been my idea but it is not. It's Senator Bourne's idea. I think it's an excellent idea. It would help alleviate some problems in rural Nebraska. There is really no reason in the world to site this in Lincoln. We have state government scattered all over Lincoln and I see no reason why we couldn't compete with any other area of Lincoln, for instance, in western Nebraska. Wherever it is sited, we're going to be providing information through telephones and, Senator Chambers, we do not have crank telephones in western Nebraska anymore. We have touch tone phones. We have fiberoptic lines. We're on the Internet, and we have a ready and willing supply of people that would go to work out here and I'm sure do a good job. So with that, I'll...I hope everyone can support this. We've given Senator Brown a lot of heartburn over this bill but I'm glad to hear she supports it. I don't think it should cause any problems and I certainly support the amendment. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Lynch, on the Bourne amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members, I'd just like to stand and say that it's too bad we didn't have this kind of legislation before we wasted almost \$50 million, and what this points out, and this is all I'm going to say, is that it's obvious you have some kind of a committee that's going to develop some oversight, but it's also obvious that a group of senators put a piece of legislation together that will, in a sense, develop an oversight as to how this will be accomplish. And I want to point out to you that we have to seriously consider next year developing a 309 type oversight committee for technology. If we had that it place, maybe we wouldn't have wasted \$50 million that we could have used for an awful lot of really important, good, and mostly human services issues.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Vrtiska, on the Bourne amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I rise in support of the Bourne amendment with some questions for Senator Bourne.