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actually run it by trying to coordinate with offices all over the state. You know I hate to say it but state government is centralized in Lincoln. This is where the State Treasurer has his office. This is where his staff is going to be. I think we have to focus on his responsibility. I wish him well. I think it's going to be one of the toughest jobs any officer of this state has ever had, but I don't want to split up the responsibility and put him in a position where people can say, well, I can't answer that; you've got to call Kearney, you got to call Scottsbluff, you got to call Norfolk, you got to call Beatrice. It's got to be centralized. You're dealing with two sides of the same question and I'm afraid, Senator Bourne, though I'm grateful to you for your great choice of language, going to have to pas...going to have to not support your amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Vrtiska on the Bourne amendment to the committee amendments to LB 972. Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. I was looking at this handout that I handed out that indicated which counties that this would apply to, and, Senator Matzke, you're never going to believe this, but it would apply to Arthur County, Cheyenne County, Deuel County, Garden County, Keith County, Kimball County and Morrill County. We could locate this call center in those counties, any one of those counties and create 30 new jobs there. I would think that...I supported LB 936 totally, and I will continue to do so. I think that's a great piece of legislation. But I think that this bill here, this amendment to this bill has the potential to create as many jobs, perhaps, as that great piece of legislation that you got passed here. This is going to provide jobs for people in a part of our state that desperately need them. I don't think anybody can dispute that. And, again, we just keep saying it's not going work, it's not going to work. Why? Why is it not going to work? Businesses do this all the time. Many, many businesses have drop boxes. The money is sent to a centralized location and it's deposited. Then when someone has an inquiry, they call a totally different site clear across the country. We're talking clear across the state, a few hundred miles versus a few thousand. You know, if I thought for a second that this would