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LB 972

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is agreed to. Senator Bourne, you are recognized to close on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 972.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, I keep hearing why this won't work and I'm going to give Senator Brown, I guess, one last chance to establish why it won't, and if she wants to, you know, explain a little further, or ask me a couple of questions because, again, the last thing I want to do is to create a more cumbersome system or a more inefficient system. That is not my goal. I just, again, to reiterate to the point of nausea, it's...the idea to create jobs in a rural county. Senator Brown, if you would like a minute or two, maybe ask me a question or explain something.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, Senator Bourne, I'm...I'm still in this, you know, what...what is the role of management? And I wondered if you...if we would adopt the Bourne amendment as almost intent language, if you would accept an amendment, then support an amendment to your language that would say that if the entity operating the Customer Service Unit determined that the location would be detrimental to the functioning of the SDU that...that they could determine to locate it where it made more sense. Would you be willing to accept that kind of an amendment?

SENATOR BOURNE: If, I guess you're asking the intent of it, as determined by who? I mean who would determine...I mean it'd be real easy for somebody to say, oh, it's not going to work, because that's what we've heard all day today, and yet we've not heard why. So what you're saying to me is, would I support some sort of an amendment to my amendment that said if this is wholly unworkable or impracticable, would I support an amendment such as that?

SENATOR BROWN: Well, yes, but, I mean, we would have to have some...some understanding about what the bar was in terms of making that...