

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, and members, this is an amendment to LB 967 which many of you were familiar with that originally implemented goals and objectives of the Small Business Development Act. We have largely incorporated that into LB 965. The intent of the bill was to do a lot more community based type of economic development for small business and so we are using this bill as a vehicle to complete those objectives that were not folded into 965. As you are aware, we have a system in this state known as a Small Business Development Centers. The administrative center is at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. There are currently these centers located in, in addition to Omaha and Lincoln, they are at Wayne and Kearney, and this would extend those services to Scottsbluff and to North Platte, would continue to be administered out of the UN-O. So this amendment would appropriate \$100,000 to allow for the whole state to be covered. You will recall that one of the actions we took was to close the DED office in Scottsbluff and so this would pick up some of the slack there. This amendment would further appropriate \$42,000 from the General Fund to DED to assure the continuation of the Nebraska Technical Assistance Center. I think it is sound. I think it is in keeping with the thrust we have made this session on economic development and simply assures that there is a viable unit all across the state. I would urge your support for the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, okay, anything further? The motion is to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to return the bill to Select File. Please record your vote aye or nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senato. Scofield, the bill is on Select File.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I would simply move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the amendment. Discussion? The motion is to adopt the amendment. All those in