

Treasurer for many years. And her sister, her twin sister, was Chief Clerk for the ASCS in Kearney for many years. I understand you are both retired now. We're happy to have you with us. Thank you. Would you please welcome them to the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Lundy, for bringing your guests to us today. LR 375.

CLERK: LR 375, Mr. President, is offered by Senator Wesely. It is found on page 1483 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I'd ask your support for this resolution. It is one concerning the Soil Conservation Services Midwest National Technical Center which has been proposed by the head of the SCS to be moved to Fort Worth, Texas. This proposal would consolidate this center along with one in Oregon and one in Pennsylvania down in Fort Worth. Now there is some dispute as to how much money would be saved, or how many jobs would actually be cut, total, in terms of federal savings. But in the end it is estimated that there really will be no cost benefit to this activity. And the real reason that we are even suggesting this change from this individual is that he happens to live in Fort Worth. So there is a great deal of consternation on the part of the people in the Midwestern area, once again with the Ag Department looking at cutting out a service, serving the Midwest region of this nation. The Soil Conservation Service is looking at cutting out that service from Lincoln and moving it down to Fort Worth. Right now there are 150 jobs in Lincoln that are jeopardized. They say that maybe 37 of them may be retained, but nevertheless they've done a good job. We have the soil survey national center is here, and it would make far more sense to consolidate in Lincoln than Fort Worth. But, unfortunately, our city isn't the home base of the individual making the decision. So we need to appeal to the Department of Agriculture and this resolution would go to them asking them to reconsider and to not make the change proposed. I ask your support for the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Wesely resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of 375, Mr. President.