

not be here, even though times are bad. But we know that the agricultural climate is worsening. More people are going to be out of agriculture and off the farm. They are going to need services and help. The state already has in place offices which are designed to give assistance to people situated in that way and worse. By taking those offices from the area where there is the most need, I think is unconscionable. Even while trying to save a few dollars here and there, we shouldn't be willing to create an incalculable amount of human misery and suffering. This should not be done in haste, cutting this \$210,000. I believe this issue is different from the others. We can see what the immediate negative impact will be on the people who are currently being served. Western Nebraska we all know has not been given the consideration in a lot of respects equivalent to that on the other side of the state. Now, we are not even talking about cows, horses, pigs, chickens, combines, tractors, and farmsteads. We are talking about the human beings for whom all of these things supposedly exist. And knowing that they currently have serious problems, how can we compound that by taking away this money. The amount of money is relatively small compared to the amount of damage that will be done if we take it, and it is infinitesimally small compared to the amount of good that can be achieved by restoring it, and I was mentioning to Senator Lundy why I think this bill is different, and, Senator Lundy, one thing I said earlier is that we, as a Legislature, will not have an opportunity to do so much good at such a small expenditure of money, so I am hoping that you will vote yes on this amendment. It would restore the \$210,000 which right now is to be cut and, remember, if you take this 210,000 away, you also take away an additional \$300,000. So we are not really talking about 210,000, we are talking about over a half a million dollars, and from an area that is economically depressed, that might even be psychologically and emotionally distressed in terms of what the people are going through. I don't think we in conscience can take away this amount so I hope that you will view it in that light and find your way clear to vote, yes, on this amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall the Chambers amendment to LB 1 be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted who care to do so? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 56-57 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President.