

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to advance. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The bill is advanced. LB 190A is next.

CLERK: LB 190A, Senator Moore would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (The Moore amendment, AM2390, appears on page 2734 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, just a little history to get us to...what the amendment actually does is strike the 50,000 dollar General Fund appropriation in LB 190A. But to give a history as to why I propose doing that, the body will remember, at least those members that were members of the body two years ago, the Legislature, I believe in the...LB...I believe in the trailer bill that year, I'm not sure exactly which bill it was, appropriated \$190,000 for the first year of the present biennium, '91-92, for the development of the Rural Development Commission in the Lieutenant Governor's office. And that was a one-time funds at that point in time and it was felt that if we could plant the seed money through a variety of federal funds, we could continue that operation in the future. So that was a one-time appropriation at that point and that was the intent. At that point in time, the rural development office was placed in the office of the Lieutenant Governor. After two years, I think the commission is up and working and doing...involved in a variety of activities, as well as secure...and has secured a variety of other funding source primarily from the federal government. Decision was made on LB 190 or decision was proposed in LB 190 to put...permanently put in statute and create the Rural Development Commission and move it over to the Department of Economic Development. If you look at the fiscal note, the fiscal notes on LB 190, you will see if you look on the department...in the state agency estimate, you will look at the Governor's budget office and DED, all three of these, DED, the Lieutenant Governor's office and Economic Development, all stated there would be no fiscal impact to LB 190. And you will...but then you will look at the fiscal analyst's office and the fiscal office and then there truly is a cost associated with LB 190, but if you look at the...at the (inaudible) the agencies, they said they were willing to eat the cost. Well, if you remember in February when this bill was moving along, it was my opinion at least that it's a little