

premature to say you're willing to eat the cost of absorbing a new program before you know what your budget is. At that point in time, since the accurate cost of continuing and institutionalizing the Rural Development Commission, those \$50,000, we need to put an A bill on the bill and we need to make a decision on funding LB 190 when it comes around. You remember the discussion Senator Hillman and I had on LB 330 last week about was there still a need for the General Fund dollars in LB 190. And if I...I'll paraphrase her response. She goes, well, I mean, if you...if...if they would, they're still of the opinion as the fiscal note said they will absorb it, absorb it, there was some...some retirements in Program 161, I believe, with DED and they would, indeed, absorb the cost of that. So though I am...I...I think the A bill accurately reflects the cost of the Rural Development Commission. Since all three agencies involved in this, being DED, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor's office, said in their fiscal note that they would absorb the funds at this point in time, now that the budget is basically set through passage of LB 541 and LB 330, it would be...this is the motion to strike the General Fund portion of the A bill but would, obviously, leave in place the Cash Fund authority to develop, to run the operation through the DED but it would strike any new funding, so to speak, for this operation and would be absorbed within the Department of Economic Development's activity, as was the wishes as expressed by the administration in their fiscal note. And so, with that, I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I caught all of it but the very end, Senator Moore. I'm sorry. You're doing what with the amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: The amendment strikes the General Fund component of the A bill, the \$50,000.

SENATOR WESELY: Allows the 20,000 from the Cash Fund?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes. Does not deal with that. It strikes the General Fund component from the A bill.

SENATOR WESELY: And the reason is that with the budget that's been passed...

SENATOR MOORE: Well, if you...if you look at the fiscal, the