

bill. I would ask you to consider that kill motion very seriously and to reject it very seriously as well. Other than the fiscal note attached, I have not heard from Senator Moore of why he has any objection to this bill. My understanding is that he has suggested that maybe this could be handled through the executive department or some other administrative process. I would ask Senator Moore, when he talks about his motion to kill, to respond to all of the items raised by Senator...or by Secretary of State Beermann in that memorandum. I would like to see how any type of informal type of arrangement through an administrative office is going to handle those particular problems that Secretary of State Beermann addresses in his memorandum. I think they are numerous. I don't think that there is any way to do it. If you look at the veto message that came back last year from the Governor's office, I think I passed out copies to you, the message generally was that the bill was vetoed for the reason that it could be handled administratively through her offices. And I will read it to you. It says LB...this was LB 295A. It said it establishes a state protocol office and establishes the Protocol Advisory Board. The message dated April 13th of 1988 is, "These services could be provided more effectively and efficiently administratively rather than through the creation of a new separate bureaucracy. I will be working with the Legislature to facilitate such an arrangement." Take a look at Secretary of State Beermann's note, you will note...or memorandum, you will note that he refers to a letter written August 5, 1988 by Senator Vard Johnson to inquire about how the executive offices were administratively handling this protocol matter. It is my understanding that Senator Johnson had not received any response whatsoever from the executive department about how these things were going to be administered and that was after the passage of, what, six months, between April and August; four months between the time of April and August. Then you will also note that in the interim, to my knowledge, nothing else has happened as far as administrative procedures to handle this problem with the protocol of the State of Nebraska. But, nevertheless, on January 18 you will see a memo that arrived before the Government Committee and it was presented before the Government Committee. That just happened to be the same date that this bill came up for hearing and the memorandum dated January 18 says that...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...the executive department had designated