

the Lieutenant Governor as the focal point of coordinating the state government's efforts with international visitors. To my knowledge, between April of last year and January of this year, this is the first positive action that has been taken to try and implement this program. I think if you read all of the comments by Secretary of State Beermann, by State Treasurer Marsh, if you are aware of the comments that former Lieutenant Governor Roland Luedtke has made on this matter, you will see that there is no way to handle this type of protocol responsibility without establishing a separate protocol office. I think the \$80,000 that would be appropriated for this purpose is a worthy investment for the future of our state and the future of economic development in Nebraska. I would ask you to deny the motion to kill that Senator Moore is going to propose and then I would ask you respectfully to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, you have something on your desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to indefinitely postpone LB 177. Senator McFarland would have the option to lay the bill over at this time if he were so inclined.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Take it up, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator McFarland says to take it up. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members of the body, just like Jason from the Friday The 13th movie, it's back. This one is back. Last year we amended it to an A bill on the third to the last day of the session, LB 295A, and the Governor had the common sense to veto it. This bill somehow made it out of Government Committee on a unanimous vote which I think was a mistake. And some people mentioned with my new shortly cropped conservative haircut maybe I had a, you know, I had a conservative attitude today. But I filed this kill motion last week, the first time I saw it, and I'm dead serious about it, because the fact of the matter is if you do look at the A bill on this, you're talking about creating a new state agency, a new division of government that, under this A bill, costs \$80,000 but it's just a matter of time before it increases. I mean, in something that the "Dean" of the Legislature always says, I'm