

later. At this particular point though I adamantly oppose the kill motion. I think that we have to recognize Nebraska is not isolated in the center of this country, that the world is watching what we do here in this state, in particular because of our advancements in agriculture. And, as I said, I have just had a number of opportunities to meet dignitaries visiting this state and I think it's a shame that we cannot show them more courtesy and a better understanding of their customs and their needs when they visit this state and I think this would be one way to address that problem.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please, then Senator Weihing, then Senator Barrett.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, before I begin, I would point out to my friend from Stromsburg that I have even a more conservative hair style if that's judged by the length of one's hair. I rise to oppose the kill motion and won't say anything more on the bill, but to support the bill. There is probably nobody in Nebraska that is more aware of the need for protocol. The proper way of doing things in this body is we debate at length on our procedural rules. We debate on all things, trying to decide what the proper protocol is. The matter of international relations, that shouldn't be an issue for debate. For five years I chaired the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board and I will assure you that from time to time with visitors coming into the State of Nebraska that the proper protocol, the proper good manners was indeed a cause for debate. Why was it? Because, with the exception of the services provided by the United States Department of State through the auspices of the U.S. Feed Grains Council, we were placed under very difficult circumstances in determining how we should proceed, what the good manners were in providing for guests to our state. The protocol office, as provided for in this bill, is basically directed toward visitors of the State of Nebraska, those of some eminence in their own country. And there is proper procedures for doing that in who receives the guests, depending upon the level. And, as mentioned in some of the material we got, the food, the religious problems, the accommodations are all a problem. The protocol office would provide these things for the State of Nebraska, but even better than that, it would provide for private industry who, in our era of international business, host many, many teams of visitors from a different land. In the interest of trying to further the economy of the State of Nebraska, the protocol office would