

provide them with one good, quick, sound, reliable source of information as to how to receive their visitors. I think it's an issue that's long overdue, that we should have had it. We should not have had to put it into law. It's something that should have been provided in the course of good government by all administrations in the past. In the absence of that, I think we need to put this in place. And, with that in mind, I would urge the rejection of the kill motion. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I, too, rise in opposition to indefinitely postpone LB 177. I commend Senator Coordsen's remarks. They were direct. They were right. They were expressed very well. I just want to make one comment with regards to those coming to Nebraska, the Unicameral is not number one in being sought to be seen or to be heard. What is normally being sought are the resources that we are selling. I'm certain that many, and many, and many a delegation came here because of our production of wheat, our production of corn, our production of soybeans and even sugar beet pulp, all of which goes to Japan. We have been negligent not to have an office of the protocol. Any of those of you who have traveled abroad, who have been a part of official delegation, who have worked within foreign countries and in foreign environments have come to know the desirability of having a protocol office, a person who can handle the uniqueness of any country. We have our uniqueness. We have our uniqueness in the way our crops are sold and sold abroad. There is the uniqueness that exists in all countries and there is also the culture which has to be dealt with. Not only do we have our products which, by the way, I want to point out that the economy of our state would essentially collapse if we suddenly had our foreign markets shut off. I just want to point it out, that great importance, we are international and we became international beginning in the 1950s as our wheat began to be sent abroad and subsequently our corn and our soybeans and our livestock and today one of the most prominent headlines is that of livestock going to the European economic area of the world. We are...must recognize that we are international, and in handling international affairs, we should have a person who is capable, one who can direct delegations coming or individuals coming to the proper person. We say \$80,000 for the cost of this. That is truly peanuts as to what we have invested in