

that he failed to mention the fact that we don't have much in the way of planning when we go abroad and that is, in fact, true. Nebraska has no policy, no procedures, no guidelines or manuals covering international travel, and in cases in which I am very much aware, that, too, has been embarrassing. As far as the matter of whether or not this belongs in the legislative branch or not, my prime concern is that we have a protocol office. But, secondarily, I would suggest to you that perhaps a majority of people that visit this Capitol come because of our unique Legislature, as Senator Moore has already suggested, of coming to see the Legislature. That says to me that perhaps the legislative branch should be primary in terms of a protocol office. I am also concerned that if the protocol officer in the state is to be a gubernatorial appointee, that that person will serve at the pleasure of the governor. Governors do change every four years and I am concerned about the continuity or the lack of continuity if this protocol office is placed in the executive branch of government. The Legislature, on the other hand, is an institution which continues like a river forever and ever and ever. I firmly believe that the protocol office belongs in the executive branch of government, but if it does end up in the executive branch of government, let's have one no matter what. But I think it belongs here. If it ends up in the Governor's office, at least we will have a protocol office and a protocol officer which we badly need. I would urge the body to reject the motion to kill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj, then Senator Ashford, then Senator Withem. Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, this is one of the few bills I've changed my mind on after one year's time in the Legislature or one year time on the bill. And I would be against a kill motion. After the hearing, Senator Moore, it was such a good hearing I thought it would be on consent calendar. I thought it would just zip right on through. But what we did hear was a very good hearing, pointed out the need for this office. We are now in a global economy and I suppose I will be repeating about what everybody has already said, and if we just messed up on one deal, it would cost us way more than this 80,000. I'm afraid that it would get bigger yearly, this appropriation, but that's up to us to keep our eye on that. The way we're doing it now it's very, very haphazard and I'm not saying anything against my good friend, the Lieutenant Governor, he is doing all he can do, but since he won that hog calling