

obviously, those of you who might have a concern of the Governor vetoing this, retaining this language in there gives you a ready-made guaranteed valid reason to veto the act because there is, obviously, past Attorney Generals opinions and/or court decisions that would clearly indicate a questionable constitutionality if, in fact, not a constitutional problem. If you do not want to strike the entire provisions, I have a subsequent amendment which is not filed which would just merely strike that portion authorizing the Legislature to make three appointments, and make it five for the Governor to appoint which clearly would be constitutional. But I would prefer the route of striking this in entirety so that there is greater flexibility on the part of a protocol officer to seek guidance as to specific needs for a particular visitation that was occurring. I see little reason to establish another commission to be appointed which probably only adds to the expense of the operation, frequently would not be designated toward the specifics of a visit that might occur, and it would seem to me it would be a better structure for those who are interested in such an office as proposed by the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please. Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. I, really I really don't see any real problem with this amendment that I can discern right now. I think the people listed in Section 4 were listed because those are the people who have often participated in the protocol function, particularly since we have so many visitors to our state, for example, who want to see representatives of the University of Nebraska, and so on. My thought is just to ask you to go ahead and support this amendment. I think Senator Warner may have some very valid points here. If there are any problems with it between now and the time this comes up for Select File, I will certainly work with Senator Warner to draft any necessary amendments that may be needed, but right now, as the way he has got it, it makes it a simpler process, and if it does resolve any constitutional problems, I am all for that. So I plan to support the amendment, and as I say, if there are any problems that I, in further study discloses arise because of this amendment, that I will be able to bring those amendments to you on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Yes, thank you. Senator Hannibal, please.