

we have here. So I really think it needs a separate position. I think we need to have a full-time designated protocol officer for the State of Nebraska. I would like to comment regarding Senator Warner's comments and Senator Hefner's amendment to put a sunset provision, I suppose if I were devious, I would have supported the sunset provision, because as Senator Warner says, it sometimes gives people an excuse to vote for a bill that they may be a little bit uncomfortable with, but I have to say in all honesty, I am not uncomfortable with this bill at all. I think on the merits it is an excellent bill. It is an excellent opportunity for us to establish a protocol office that has long been needed in the State of Nebraska, and with regard to any problems that may arise, I really don't think that there will be any problems at all. What I had said previously was that if there were problems or something, that all these concerns did become validated in some way in the future, then, of course, the Legislature at any time could go in and amend or repeal the statute. In my honest opinion, I don't foresee any problems at all. I think the small amount that is required to fund this protocol office will pay back benefits many times over to our state and I think it is a meritorious bill for economic development in Nebraska and I would ask your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: We are very close. I would respectfully ask for a call of the house and accept call in votes.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. Roll call vote had been asked for. Please look up to see if your light has been lit, and if not, please record your presence. Looking for Senator Chambers, Senator Goodrich, Senator Haberman, Senator Kristensen, Senator Nelson. Senator Kristensen, would you light your light up, please. Thank you. All right, we are looking for Senator Landis, Senator Goodrich, Senator Haberman, and Senator Chambers, and Senator Nelson.