

talking about, that this amendment sets up the Cash Fund and then gives the Grain Sorghum Board, the Corn Board, the Soybean Board, the Dry Bean Board, the Wheat Board and the Ethanol Authority the statutory authority to give grants to the Protocol Office. And also I wanted to mention that when you set up this Cash Fund it would then become a possibility that the Department of Economic Development could contract with the Protocol Office and use some of its funding for this very worthwhile project in the Protocol Office which, as we described in General File debate, is just one more avenue of spending money on economic development. Well, the gist of my amendment, and I am quite serious in this, this is not an amendment just to give McFarland a hard time. I'm saying if you really want to do this, there is a way you can do it within existing funds, not appropriate a new \$80,000. I want to point out on the bottom there, as I am saying, we're spending a lot of money in these areas right now. Those budgets that we're talking about, the Sorghum Board, \$604,000, their actual budget in '88-89; the Corn Board is 1.6 million; the Soybean Board is 999,000; the Dry Bean Board is \$258,000; the Wheat Board is 879,000; the Ethanol Authority is 257,000; Economic Development in their actual budget this year is \$4.5 million. You know, I listed about eight or \$9 million where we're spending money for this type of work, why do we have to create a new program and spend a new \$80,000? If it is that good, these checkoff boards can give \$5,000 or \$10,000 grants to the program. If it is that good and if it does that much for economic development, I'm sure the Department of Economic Development would be more than happy to spend 30, \$40,000 of it's \$4.5 million budget to fund this program. And one thing I do want to mention, that Ethanol Authority there is that \$17 million figure there in that Ethanol Authority, that, of course, is the Ethanol Authority, the 18-month checkoff, either we had to fund that that has now gone away but it is still sitting there. I want to make it clear that this amendment would allow the Ethanol Authority, if they so...if the board members of all of these so desired, they could give some of their money to the Protocol Office. And so what I am doing with this amendment is saying, okay, okay, Protocol Office is necessary but that doesn't mean we have to spend \$80,000 of additional money. We can use some of our existing funds through the corn boards, I mean through the variety of the commodity checkoff boards or through the Department of Economic Development to do this worthwhile program. I want to apologize, the amendment was introduced yesterday, but it was not printed. I have handed the amendment out now and I apologize that it