

impress me. The other thing that has been said, when we were talking about it in General File to move it ahead, it was stated that there were two people who were qualified to take this job. What happened to affirmative action? It seems to me this bill is an effort to tailor make a job. I have the feeling that somebody is standing out there behind those columns waiting for us to pass this bill so that person can have that job. I think \$80,000 is a lot of money for this particular thing, \$40,000 for the person who does the job. So there are a lot of \$80,000 bills in and when you add up 10 of them, there is \$800,000. I will speak further when the bill itself comes. Senator Moore's amendments make it a little more palatable even though I understand what Senator Weihing and Senator Coordsen are saying about those funds and what Senator Rogers voiced his feelings about them, so thank you. I hope that eventually we will get rid of this bill and kill it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Barrett.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I guess I'm sitting here kind of enjoying the debate on this. Remember in General File debate, if you remember last year when we debated this bill, there was a variety of senators from the agriculture sector that got up and said, this is a tremendously good idea. It will have millions of dollars of impact on Nebraska if we have this Protocol Office and I know this is good because all my work with the commodity checkoff boards are with the agriculture sector. Now I have an amendment that says that if it's such a good idea, why don't we have the agriculture commodity boards share, the key word, share, in the funding of that? And they all stand up and say, well, n-n-n-n-n-no, it's a good idea but it is not such a good idea if we have to pay for it. Well, I think that's only...I mean, if it would really do all the things in marketing, you know, if grain utilization and marketing is the title of all those checkoff boards, this Protocol Office would have a direct effect on the marketing of these grains to foreign countries. I think it only makes sense and I'm not making them do anything. Every one of those statutes, every one of those commodity boards, it's that board "may" award a grant to the Protocol Office, it is may, it is not shall. I'm not forcing this upon any commodity board that does not think it is worthwhile. These commodity boards, I have said, they all have, several of them have, well, a couple of them have more than a million dollars in those funds. You know