

Office with the Protocol Office, combine responsibilities of a State Treasurer or Secretary of State with the Protocol Office are totally inappropriate. If you're going...it is an important function that needs to be handled through one central office. And then all of the other people can help out. Then the Secretary of State and the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor can be...coordinate their activities through the Protocol Office, and we can do a good job of hosting foreign dignitaries and businessmen and businesswomen and visitors to our state. I think it's something that is needed, it's overdue. We lag far behind other states and even other cities in our country in this common courtesy. So, for that reason, I urge you to reject the amendment and when the amendment...and when, and assuming the amendment is rejected then I would urge you to vote in favor of passage of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Just so people understand what they're voting on. If you adopt this amendment, you can still pass the bill, you can still pass the A bill, you can do anything you want. But by creating a Cash Fund you would allow...if 80,000...if we only appropriate \$80,000 after this program has grown quickly, like it's already...it's going to eventually, before we have a chance to appropriate more money they could go to the Department of Economic Development and contract with them. Now, I'd like for you to pass the first amendment, they could go to the commodity boards that they're going to help so much, and if they could convince the board they could have given them money. But, with all the problems with that, that is not included in this. It simply...it creates the Cash Fund, it changes the word that the "Legislature shall appropriate money" to they "may appropriate money" from the Protocol Office Cash Fund. It allows this body more flexibility, would allow us to pass the bill. It would allow us, if the A bill fails, Senator McFarland and Senator Coordsen and others that think this Protocol Office would be such a great thing, could still occur, it could still be funded, so things would still happen. I probably would agree that we need to do some things differently. But I think this amendment would be wise for the...I want to make it clear, I will vote against the bill, even with this amendment on. But I think those of you that are for the amendment, it will give you more flexibility down the way, and I'd think you'd want it on there, too. But, with that, I'll just ask for the adoption of