

request that comes along because eventually there will not be room for all the things that many people would like to see done.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Moore, please.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, as Senator Warner mentioned, it was obviously not an oversight that this particular position was left out of the budget. And, as Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Wesely said, this actual program was created in LB 561 of two years ago, a bill introduced by Senator Rod Johnson and myself, and it was my priority bill of that year. And, of course, the money was vetoed out. But there is one difference, the way I understand it, between the potato and the poultry and now the aquaculture specialist, because if you will look at the request, for instance, for the poultry position that has been funded by the committee, that is funded at half the level of the request. And the same way if you look at the potato specialist, I think maybe Senator Scofield can explain the funding mix better than I can on this, but the potato development people came forward, came up front with money of their own to fund this position. This position has actually already been created, if I remember correctly, and now with 813 we're approving, I guess, what's already happened, and saying we're going to fund it at that level with, like I said, the potato people themselves coming in with part of the money. And the same thing is holding true with the poultry people. The reason we cut that request in half, from 100,000 down to 50,000 is they, basically, said the poultry people interested in the poultry pathologist position will have to come up with half the money on their own. So that was the two reasons those two things were included. Obviously, with the aquaculture, there is, to my knowledge at least, probably no way yet that those folks can come up with part of their own money, and for that reason because there doesn't seem to be adequate interest...I shouldn't say adequate interest because I think there is adequate interest there, but there is not an organization there to come up with part of the money, the committee at this time, for that reason as well as all the reasons that Senator Warner just mentioned, opted not to include this in the budget. And like I said, I'm like Senator Warner, if I could include everything in the budget, this would be one of them, but the fact of the matter is we can't do everything, and for that reason the committee opted not to put this position in.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, followed by