

that's what we want, then oppose the amendment. The amendment will change nothing other than the fact the Department of Labor will administer and work with...they can subcontract with the vocational schools as they can now. Anything that you have been told that Economic Development can do, the Department of Labor is in the position now, has been in the position for 10, 20, 30 years to accomplish the very same thing. So I would ask your support in the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, looks like my good friends from Omaha are learning from my seatmate, Senator Schmit. If you run that old one-eyed steer through the sale ring enough times, somebody will finally buy her. This is the amendment that we discussed last night that was defeated soundly. Now there is a question of whether or not you can even do it like this and I think I will defer to Senator Warner to talk about some of the actual technical problems with the amendment and why maybe it won't work quite as...won't work as good here as it would in 813. But I would like to talk a little bit and renew some of the arguments I made last night regarding to why this fund should stay in the Department of Economic Development. I said last night, I mean, for one, the Department of Economic Development is the agency whose job it is to recruit industry and recruit business to the State of Nebraska. Now it makes simple sense to me that instead of adding one more layer of bureaucracy, the Department of Economic Development is the agency that puts together the package, makes the deal with the industry to bring them to Nebraska or have them expand in Nebraska and it just makes more sense to keep it all in one place. Another argument is the fact that the Department of Labor is, by its very role and mission in state government, a regulatory agency. That's what the Department of Labor is. And the Department of Economic Development, on the other hand, is an advocacy agency to help businesses grow in the State of Nebraska and, for that reason alone, it makes more sense to keep the whole funds in DED. One other thing, you know, this whole fund, the contingency fund can only be...you know, the Commissioner of Labor has to make a recommendation on how to use it and in the recommendation the present Commissioner of Labor did not mention the Department of Labor as a possible agency to using this money. And so...now maybe when Senator Chizek was...back when he was Commissioner of Labor he would have had different views but that's not the way it occurred right now. And so, for a