

bill today, so the amendment is not one that is printed. But, as Senator Moore pointed out, it's a short bill that even has pictures. So it will be easy to follow what the amendment does. The amendment would provide that it would strike the reference to the commission employing personnel and contracting for services. And I've offered the corresponding amendment to LB 1009A. It would just simply, on page 2, lines 21 and 22, it would just strike "employ personnel, contract for services, and", so that that paragraph would read, "The commission may receive and expend gifts and donations to aid in carrying out its duties." If Senator Moore can offer, I guess, a response, and I'll give him the balance of my time, why the commission would need to employ personnel, especially in its first year, I guess, start up, when reference is made, and I think rightly so, to working with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism Bureau, I would withdraw the amendment. But I just...I offer it to just talk about this issue and see if there is any support for it and what the justification for it is, in his mind, through the introduction of the bill. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Moore.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Senator Hall. Your amendment strikes lines 21 and 22 on page 2?

SENATOR HALL: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...the amendment would strike the language in lines 21 and 22 so that it would read, "The commission may receive and expend gifts and donations to aid in carrying out its duties." So it would strike, on line 21, beginning with "employ personnel", it would strike "employ personnel, contract for services, and", that would be stricken from the bill. And I...you know, I offer it for discussion. I am real interested in why we need to employ....

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, to begin with, it is our intent that this commission will, indeed, go out and solicit and receive funds from private donors across the state. So, originally, we were going to put a cash fund in there. We do not need to do that. It's going to be separate from the DED, but this commission will be able to receive those monies. Now, the reason they need to be able to employ personnel and contract for services is that the commission...what this \$100,000, I guess what...your