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SPEAKER BARRETT: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I've discussed this amendment with Senator Johnson. And, frankly, the bills came up so quick I don't have copies for you. I feel a little reluctant to move forward on it. I'm in a little quandary right now. Let me tell you what we're trying to do and maybe Senator Johnson will get up here in the meantime from his office. I've been trying to get a hold of him. The difficulty that we have with LB 1019 is it's moved, I think Senator Coordsen, he's not here right now, talked about the difficulty of moving directly into a foreign trade office without having the support base and the department here in the state. And so this would change the implementation of this act so that the first phase of the change in the foreign trade activities of the Department of Economic Development would be to have in state staff, and they would have responsibility for developing a number of different trade programs, working with businesses in the state, trade associations in the state, trying to work toward building within the state the ability to export. And then would establish international trade office after July 1, 1991. So, what you would...Oh, here is Senator Johnson. So what we are trying to do is phase in this effort to an international trade office, instead of going with it immediately. That's, essentially, what we're trying to do. And in addition, it provides other guidelines for the department to pursue this effort. I want to again commend Senator Johnson's initiative in picking this as a priority bill. As I mentioned before, Senator Brad Ashford and myself had legislation as well. And, hopefully, we can reach a compromise together to address this issue. Unfortunately, we haven't had much chance to work on it. But that's what the intent of the amendment is. And I would appreciate a chance to discuss it further with the body.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, would you care to discuss the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if Senator Wesely would yield to a question. I listened to him briefly describe this. I guess I didn't listen close enough to what exactly it was he was proposing. And, secondly, one of my usual concerns is, what does it do the price tag of the bill? So, if Senator Wesely could answer that.