

open-endedness. I rise in support and willing to support her in her efforts to try to tighten that up. The spending function, if you follow the Real Estate Commission activity, is they have an appropriations bill. They come in with their needs and describe those needs and the Appropriations Committee, through their language, provides or establishes what that budget shall be. LB 204 is what you might call the backside of that as that is the means by which they will be funded, so as those two work hand in hand, this being the means by which the money is generated, Senator Moore's committee, the appropriation is the means by which we make decisions with respect to what that commission ought to be doing. So I believe this language is as appropriate, doesn't change the intent that I had in introducing the bill, gives Senator Smith a little more comfort in the way that it is handled, and so I support her in that motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Smith, did you wish to discuss the bill, discuss your motion again? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, as I read this amendment, if Senator Smith would yield to a question, and...Senator Smith.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith, would you respond.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Smith, I like the language in your amendment, but I guess how do you feel this would change what happens now, would be the question I'd have to ask.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Moore, actually I would have liked to have gotten something included in this amendment that would have put a cap on any kind of an increase at a percentage, like, for instance, not to exceed 20 percent in any one fiscal year, something like that. But when I was discussing this with Senator Beutler, he thought that perhaps because of the way it is worded there is a, I guess, a cap on it, so to speak, because of the fact that it is reviewed by the Legislature and by the Appropriations Committee, I mean, if we are aware of the fact that there was an increase last year. They are going to probably be increasing again this year or they wouldn't have asked for this, to watch to see what the increases are and I'm hopeful that the real estate industry itself, who have not been