

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: If the Clerk would read the amendment.

CLERK: (Read the Moore-Hall amendment.)

SENATOR MOORE: To put the amendment in perspective, this deals with the issue we dealt with this morning, Senator Hall's amendment, which you notice now he's a co-sponsor with me, simply says that the issue this morning, dealing with the state auditor, was just computers and there was a very rational argument for doing the computer issue. This amendment would simply allow them to keep the money for the computers, do that issue right but would not allow them to use the savings for the performance audits. And so that's simply what the amendment does. If there are any...it just says that, yes, you can have the computers but, no, you cannot use the savings for the performance audits. That's an issue that I don't mean to duck. I think this body should be looking at that and, hopefully, will in the next 12 months. But I think by doing...by adopting this amendment, we would make sure that the state auditor, well, not make sure but simply not give him the authority to use these savings for his original intent and purpose, but it would allow him to keep the computers and he does make a very convincing argument on why they are necessary. And so, with that, I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I also rise in support of the amendment, concur with everything that Senator Moore has said, subsequent to the debate this morning, the adoption of the amendment to include that money for the hardware in the auditor's office. The auditor has sent me a letter to the effect that the...basically, to the effect of what this amendment would do, in other words, any savings realized would not be used in the basis of the performance audit review capabilities, that those are entailed or enclosed in LB 493. That's a policy decision the Legislature has to deal with, I concur. Would urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Any other discussion? Senator Moore, do you wish to close? We will now vote on the amendment offered by Senators Moore and Hall. All those in