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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kiel, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, my amendment simply establishes a cash fund to be used by the Mexican-American Commission. As we took a look at the money that we were...that was going to be requested in order to carry out the task force functions, we were trying to decide where the Mexican-American Commission might find some additional money, if necessary, to do the work that's called for in this bill. And, if they are to do a good job, and I think a comprehensive job, it might be necessary to be able to draw upon additional funding. And so what this does is simply creates the Mexican-American Commission Cash Fund. And what that would allow them to do then is to accept outside money, which would be perhaps federal grants, corporate funding, any kind of monetary gifts, grants and donations and, in effect, would allow them perhaps to do a more comprehensive job than they might otherwise be able to do with the \$25,000 that is created in this bill. And I would ask the body to approve this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Connealy, on the Kiel amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: I just want to rise in support of the amendment. This came out of discussions with the immigrant advocates that we've had meetings, and I appreciate the addition of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Kiel, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR KIEL: Again, I think this task force and the effort that its going to undertake is going to be very, very important for the state of Nebraska. We must determine what are things that are necessary to do for the tremendously growing immigrant population that's coming into the state of Nebraska, and see how to effectively bring immigrants into the community and allow them to live up to their potential. And what this does simply is make sure that there's adequate money in order to carry out the functions described in this bill. Thank you.