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contacts for the betterment of commerce, cultural exchange, or educational studies between such nations and the state. And I actually not only support the concept of the bill, but would like to eventually see it be broader. I think other nations and other states have broader powers for their...they have a chief protocol office. And I think oftentimes we are remiss in not having the appropriate powers for the Secretary of State to do these kinds of things. So with that, I would urge adoption of the committee amendment and adoption of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the committee amendment to LB 430. Open for discussion on AM0415. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, among the duties of chief protocol officer, would it include traveling to foreign countries, or just entertaining foreign visitors?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That would be developed in accordance, as I read the bill, with the Governor, with the Secretary of Agriculture, and others. So I don't think there's any stipulation that there be travel. But I think it's conceivable that there could be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the Secretary of Agriculture could very well be involved in some of this activity, because visitors could be coming here on a trade mission, in the same way the Governor may go to another country to try to sell agricultural products from Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.