

I contend that we've got to be involved in lobbying and affecting legislation if we are going to survive. Why should the other corporations, we talked about corporations this morning, why should those large corporations be able to lobby and affect legislation and we shouldn't? When I mentioned this morning that I wasn't afraid of competing with large corporations if we could compete on an equal keel, I was talking about the tax codes. Well, it's no wonder that we've not been able to get the tax code changes that we should have because those people who are taking advantage of it are lobbying the Congress of the United States and we're not. It's that simple. Now as to the need for my amendment, I believe and I believe this very strongly that since the commodity checkoff boards should have the power to influence legislation, by the same token it ought to be refundable to those individual producers. It ought to be refundable because if they are lobbying for positions that some individual producer doesn't agree with, he ought to be able to get the funds back. And I'll tell you quite frankly that if this amendment doesn't get adopted I'm going to put a kill motion up on the bill. I've told a lot of folks that and here's why. If this amendment doesn't get adopted, then I want to kill the bill because I think we're not being consistent and I'm going to come in next year, and I want everybody to understand this, I'm going to come in next year with a bill to repeal the right to work laws in this state and I expect all those commodity folks that are opposing me on this issue to come in and support it because it is exactly the same thing. I don't know how you can say to a corn farmer out there that in order to get income from your operation you've got to donate a portion of that income to an entity that is going to be helping, supposedly, raise your price and then turn around and say to a carpenter in this state that you don't have to belong to a union in order to be a carpenter. I think it's the same logic should apply to that carpenter then. Well, Mr. Carpenter, you've got to belong to a union in order to practice your trade in this state because of the fact that that union is supposed to be beneficial to you in your salary and your benefits. Now I know there are those people that say, well, the corn farmer doesn't have to produce corn. That's true. He can raise wheat or he can raise something else and we're still going to make a checkoff on his product. I cannot see the difference. And those people that say, well, if we give a refund, it's only the big people that are going to take advantage of that refund and everybody else is going to have