

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to oppose my two colleagues amendment for a number of reasons and take exception to several statements that have been said about when we talk about other lobbyist, or other moneys tax supported dollars going to influence legislation or used to hire lobbyists when we talked about there is a difference between one is appointed and the others are elected by the people. I think if you want to look back in time, it wasn't too long ago we had a bill called LB 662, which passed and there were a lot of people lobbying for that bill. Now some of them were lobbying through an association that...they were elected. Now there were some and I think it was the Department of Education, those people were basically lobbying for the bill and they are not elected. They are appointed by the Governor, the same way these boards are appointed by the Governor of the state that is also elected by the people. So, I don't really think we are comparing apples to apples when we are talking about this. Not only that it would create a tremendous paper work nightmare for these boards that try to decide at the end of the year how much they did spend and how much was going to be refunded and what percent each producer and they are all going to have to send this in and it is just entirely unworkable. I suggest to Senator Warner and Senator Vickers if they believe so strongly in having all checkoff programs being voluntary is come back next year as there was a bill this year and try to put that bill through to correct the whole thing instead of trying to attach this to this particular bill. Now everybody knows the problems they have in agriculture. The problems they have with embargo's and everything else. I feel strongly that the farmer needs a chance to be able to have his voice heard in Washington, D.C. and this is basically what this bill does. I urge you very strongly to vote down this amendment and advance LB 60 to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President, some of the comments that were made they said that the boards are not elected, I think that you should realize that they are appointed but they also have to be names that are recommended by the growers of the particular organizations. I think they do have a very,