

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Mr. Clerk, we are back on the committee amendments, right?

CLERK: I have nothing further to the committee amendments, Madam President.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: The Chair recognizes Senator Rod Johnson on the committee amendments.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, this is very important for you to listen to. Since Senator Vickers' amendment to the committee amendment was rejected by the body, it just makes the committee amendment, because we don't have the due process clause in the committee amendment, really makes it unconstitutional and because of that I would suggest the body reject the committee amendment, go back to the original intent of the bill which was to provide for permissive or to allow the Department of Agriculture to basically get out of the program in part and allow the counties to continue to function as they are, if that is what you want to do. However, if you don't like the bill itself, if you want the thing to stay just the way it is with the state being involved on a mandatory basis, along with the counties, then I suggest you kill the bill. But at this particular point I would prefer to go with the green copy of the bill without the committee amendments and I would urge the body, because of the failure of Senator Vickers' amendment, to reject the committee amendments and go back to the original intent of LB 459.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Vickers, did you want to speak on this?

SENATOR VICKERS: We are on the committee amendments, is that correct, Madam President?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: We are on the committee amendments.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay. Well, I would simply say that the committee amendments, as they are now, and I think Senator Johnson probably pointed this out, but I want to reemphasize it that you rejected, you rejected the concept of the committee amendments when you rejected the amendment that I offered, plus you rejected the mechanism that made that concept constitutional. So I guess I am going to have to