

of Wheat Marketing, a Mr. Mark Conkling, and the Department does have people at the present time who are involved in these marketing activities, and they are carrying out the functions for the Soybean Board and the Corn Board. Of course, they are new...they are new agencies, and I think, Senator Murphy, your concern is well founded, because I think it is important that we monitor what they do so that they do not wind up in a large growth of activity down there without any corresponding performance, but I think in the past they have worked reasonably well. I think that we probably should give them this authority, but at the same time I think that your expression of concern is well founded, and one which should certainly be continued in future years so that we do not just set up another bureaucracy. But they are performing the functions now, and Mr. Abell volunteered this morning if we had questions, or any Senators had any questions, as to how it was functioning, he would be glad to answer those questions. He did answer them to my satisfaction.

SENATOR MURPHY: Fine. And in Section 10, I think we need a further definition of contract, because when I read it it did not specifically delineate what the nature of that contract might be, and I would feel better if we specified with whom they would contract, and to what extent, because to simply tell an agency of government, here is the authority to go contract can be a frightening experience, too.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, again I would be tending to agree with you, but I do believe, and I think, for example, I just visited with the Chairman of that Board some time ago about this very item, and former Senator Wayne Ziebarth contacted me and said that perhaps the Legislature might want to, you know, provide some guidelines as to what they could do and what they should not do. For example, these funds are a natural target for the University of Nebraska, because all of a sudden they find new research problems that they ought to look into, and I told Mr. Burkholder, of the Corn Board, that I did not think that they should fund any project which the University had not previously submitted to the Budget Committee for its perusal, because if the Budget Committee might decide that they don't want to fund it but that it's a worthwhile project, then it would be okay with me, but I certainly do not want the University to use these checkoff funds as merely an extension of their budgeting activity outside the scope of what the Legislature would like. I would be glad to accept amendments, Senator Murphy. I would really like to move