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one for that, you know, when is this going to stop? Why the need for a bean checkoff system?

SENATOR NICHOL: The only reason I can give you is that some people approached me and wanted it. Now we do have these other checkoffs which I will be mentioning later but we don't have a dry edible bean checkoff bill. As you know, only in the extreme western end of Nebraska, and I think it is just only in the panhandle are they able to grow these type of beans because of the drier falls and so forth that are conducive only to dry edible beans. This wasn't my idea to start this. There is no procedure, there are no laws that help to promote dry edible beans and several of those growing beans and processing beans thought this would be a good thing to do. Let me say, Senator Simon, this is not a program that will cost the taxpayers any money. It is self-sustaining financially. It will have a loan of approximately \$10,000 to start with which will be paid back.

SENATOR SIMON: Let me ask you another question, Senator Nichol. I received a bunch of information on my desk as I am sure you know and every other Senator received and I read some of that and I don't have the figures in front of me but I am sure that I could get them down from my office but the information essentially was this, that of the people involved in the dry bean market that 90 some percent were opposed to this and had never been contacted and that the people that wanted this represented only a fraction of the people that grow beans. Now I am very reluctant, very reluctant to pass legislation which only a handful want. I am not being inundated with letters for this bill. As a matter of fact, I have never received one for it, not one, certainly not from my district, but even from yours but the mail that I have received has been very negatory, has been very much against this bill. Now I am going to ask you to give me one good reason to vote for this bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right. As you well know, Mr. Henry Specht, who is seated in the South balcony now, has spear-headed a drive against this bill and this is perfectly within his rights and he has done a good job. Now he has taken a poll of which he says four hundred and some are opposed to it and only five or six for it. Now this is the reason why we have the election to start with, Senator Simon, so that if these figures are correct, you won't have a bean checkoff, a dry edible bean checkoff bill at all, and if the vote is anywhere near what he says it is, it won't get off the ground. So have no fears that this is something that