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pursue it or promote it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do you think would happen to the bean growing industry in Nebraska were this bill not enacted?

SENATOR NICHOL: It would continue on as it has in the past.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And members of the Legislature, I think Senator Nichol has just helped give the best argument as to why this bill should not be enacted along with the substantial reasons offered by Senator Fowler. I was given the results of a survey which was taken and this survey did not just deal with numbers and figures, it gave the names and addresses of people who were opposed to this bill, who are bean growers, people you could contact, if you chose, to discuss the matter with. So from what I have been able to determine about the issue, I don't think there is general agreement among the bean growers that the bill is desirable or that it accomplishes the solution of a problem. So I am opposed to the bill. I think it is a form of involuntary taxation which is imposed by a few upon the many. It is not even a state function which is being served and I believe that taxes, when they are imposed regardless of the name that tax masquerades under, ought to be to accomplish a legitimate state purpose. When I use the term "legitimate", it does not mean, Senator Nichol, that what the checkoff is attempting to do is illegitimate but I am saying it is not a genuine state function or purpose which is being funded. So I do not think the bill ought to pass and I am not in a position to support it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, here we go again, the farmers are sliding down the steeple of the Capitol this morning, and the city slickers are telling us how to run the outstate Nebraska. It seems strange to me that we are having this argument when it is going to be a referendum type arrangement. The story that was told when we heard this bill in committee was that western Nebraska is looking for crops to replace the sugar beet industry which we assume or it looks like is going out of the picture unless we can figure out how to make alcohol out of them or something else. I'd like to talk just a little bit about checkoffs in general. I don't know how many of you realize or I could even prove it but the checkoff system and the marketing that has been taking place through them is hard to register or to add up because we really don't know what has happened, but if you will look at our exports,