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is the best example of what a checkoff has accomplished. Right now we could even say the beef checkoff is working because the price has certainly gone up but I don't think that is the reason exactly for it but I just can't see all the argument here, and if you want to, the corn checkoff, for instance, that we passed last year, we will have a chance for a referendum in another year and a half or two years. If the corn growers don't like it, they certainly can get rid of it. The wheat checkoff I really don't know much about but I think that should be up to the farmers and up to the farmers in the area that raise the product. I really would hope that you would support Senator Nichol's bill and let those people decide out there in western Nebraska whether they want a checkoff on dry edible beans or not. I might say in closing, you talk about beating inflation. Here is one way to do it. You soak these babies up and they will fill the whole bucket and if you eat them you won't have to worry about getting a gas shortage. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I move to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: All right. A motion to call for the question. Shall debate cease? Do I see the five hands? Yes, I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Will you close then, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I am very serious about this bill. I think there is a need for it. A hundred pounds of beans now bring in the neighborhood of \$20. 6¢ out of \$20. 4¢ will be paid by the grower, the 2¢ by the processor. Even if you didn't want it, I don't think it would hurt you a great deal. Even though you are a big producer, I don't think it would kill you. I move for the advancement of LB 14.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 14 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Nichol, there are three excused for your information.

SENATOR NICHOL: I hate to do it but I guess we will have

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