

to, but don't mandate that checkoff funds which is impossible for the individual farmer to know what lobbying efforts are being made or what side in many cases. Don't get started down the path that this bill would permit and I would urge you reject the committee amendment and the bill as a whole.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, on the committee amendments, then Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Sieck, Senator Nelson. Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I rise to support the committee amendments and the bill. I think it's high time that we kind of take around, look around and see just exactly what we're talking about doing overall with the amendments and the bill and I'd like to have people take note. They can look back behind those glass walls and we talk about mandated monies which Senator Warner referred to and those people back behind there are using tax dollars which is mandated with no refund provisions and they're the same type of people that go in front of Senator Warner's Appropriations Committee using my tax money and your tax money with no refund provisions to try to influence legislation, to try to influence more money in their particular areas. I think it's high time that farmers and the agriculture sector deserve the same right to have people lobby for them for the betterment of agriculture, for the betterment of the whole state as other tax entities have enjoyed for years. I support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I also support the committee amendments. We had to put a limit on the amount of dollars that would go in this particular area, but I see a lot of good reasons why the checkoff people, not necessarily the board, but the manager or the administrator has information that he has to get to Washington immediately and the way the present law is written he cannot do that and that's the reason that I feel that we need to have something like this, but we need to put a limit so that they don't get overboard and that's the purpose of the amendment and I support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, then Senator Hefner.