

damned tired of hearing people stand on this floor and say, oh, we're going to do research, we're going to do this, going to do promotion. Let me tell you something. There is only one thing that makes a bit of difference to that farmer or that cattle feeder out there and that's the price of his product less his expenses equals his profit. And we've got a whole barrel of research and I'll tell you what. You talk about the belt line bandits that circle Washington to get money out of the Congress, go to the meetings of the Wheat Board, the Corn Board, the Soybean Board, the Sorghum Board, the Beef Board and you're going to see them and they've got every confounded idea you can think of and I'll tell you one thing. You talk about accountability, you get more accountability in a crap game out behind the barn of the race tracks. I'm going to tell you something. With the exception of the Wheat Board I was involved in the creation of every single one of them. Most of the members are good people, hard working people, well-intentioned people. I have no fault with most of the directors. I think that we have to recognize that the ball game is played today, ladies and gentlemen, in a different field. We can outproduce, we can outefficiency, we can outtalk anyone as farmers, as cattlemen, as cattle feeders, but we cannot and we do not perform well in this body or in the Congress and the Congress is where the game is being played, and if we'd had the right person at the right place in 1973 when President Nixon put a price freeze on beef cattle, we would have never had one. If we'd had one effective person in the White House when the various embargoes were established, we wouldn't have had one. In 1980, January 4, the grain trade got their people in the White House and stayed there the whole blasted night and the elevator operators were held harmless. They got away scot-free and Uncle Sam bought 180 million bushels of wheat and bailed them out. Do you know where we were at? Standing behind the barn counting our change and we got left holding the bag to the tune of a billion dollars. I have no fault with the farm organizations. I am a member of darn near all of them. I created the Farm Bureau County Organization in Butler County in 1952. They are a fine organization and they do a lot of good work, but there comes a time when we have these funds available and I think we either ought to use them in the most effective way or to wipe them out and I'll tell you something. You can talk all you want to about we'll take care of the lobbying for you and that goes for all my good friends in the all the various organized farm groups. Well,