

Now I know there are those people that say, well, yes, but if we hadn't done it we would be making even less money. I don't think they can prove that because the fact of the matter is the markets on those commodities follow the loan rates. It doesn't make a whole lot of difference how much you promote. What it does depend on is where the federal government sets the loan rates. So I guess I've come to the conclusion that since all they want to be able to do with their checkoff programs is to promote, travel, look nice, sell themselves to the public, and now they turn around and say, well, yes, but we'd also like to get into the legislative arena, and I said to them, you know that is what you've got to do, you've got to get in the legislative arena, but you've got to get in there in the same manner that most other folks do and that is it is voluntary, that you don't mandate to folks that they've got to belong to it. They said, no, no, no, no, no, we can't do that because we may not be able to keep those dollars coming in. Well, I disagreed with that, but obviously this body has spoken. So I think now we've got to ask ourselves do we really want to give them that power, do we really want to give them the power that LB 60 has given them. Remember, colleagues, they are going to be down here lobbying you, too, maybe on issues that you might not agree with if you are a farmer and contributing money to it. But you can't get those monies back. Well, I cannot support that concept. I told you earlier that I was going to put a kill motion on it. Senator Warner already had one up there, so I had to run up and sign it. But I'm very serious on this issue. I would have been willing to really help out the commodity programs, the commodity checkoffs, but at this point I guess we have to be mortal enemies. I hope you'll help me support killing LB 60.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pappas, and then Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I rise against the kill motion, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, for several reasons. I'd like to, first of all I'd like to ask Senator Nelson some questions, if she'd respond. Senator Nelson, you made the statement that this would hinder the ability of the existing lobbying forces or farm organizations we have to work together. Could you tell me the position of all those on LR 16CA this morning?