

SENATOR NELSON: I'll tell you the position...

SENATOR PAPPAS: Were they all working together?

SENATOR NELSON: I would probably say the farm organizations were not as organized together as I saw business and industry out here this morning and the big dollars working. We, in the farm organizations, we work on a voluntary basis. We work on voluntary payments.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Were they working together though? That was my question. Yes or no.

SENATOR NELSON: I believe that I will have to say I wasn't outside only once or twice. I'll have to say three-fourths of them were working together out there this morning.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, three-fourths, that's not complete...Okay, I want to talk to...Senator Johnson is around, Vard Johnson, he talked the other day, Senator DeCamp started a conversation about the big picture, the big picture we got, I think it was on 38 or something like that. He talked about things we have to accomplish. Well, Senator Vard Johnson got up and gave this very eloquent speech. He said we've got to do a little piece at a time, he said he's been through this before, a little piece at a time. We get this and pretty soon we have the masterpiece, we have the masterpiece. Now granted there are some people in this legislative body that basically know that this bill is a good bill. The farmers deserve the right to help themselves, to help themselves, but they are so adamantly opposed to make sure we have a voluntary checkoff program, they are willing to kill this bill. If we want to talk...Senator Johnson's little talk the other day, a piece at a time, let's pass this this year, then if they want to come back next year to get another little piece of it, another little piece of it to straighten out, that is when we can. Let's don't try to kill something that will help, something that will help. You talk about who's got clout, we talked about China, the export of wheat. One of the reasons why we are not exporting wheat to China right now is the Chinese textile industry wanted to keep sending textiles to the United States. Well, the United States lobbying force, not the big farm groups, they were powerful enough, they said, no, let's cut them off. We're not now getting any Chinese textile, but also we're not exporting any wheat