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years that I have, I have always tried to support agriculture. But when you get like this you got me between a rock and a hard place. Now some of the things I don't understand. Senator Pappas, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: This checkoff system has to do with beef, or wheat, and cattle, and things like that?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So you say that 25 cents, or a fourth of something, is going to go to promote your products. What is it when they are talking about refunds?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, the intent of the bill and the way the bill basically would read is they could use up to 25 percent of their checkoff funds to influence legislation. When we are talking about refunds basically what the amendments...some of the amendments were trying to do was put on a voluntary type system where the checkoffs...the funds were checked off, but if the producer wanted them back they applied to get the refund back.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You mean, now tell me if I've got it wrong, it's like on my federal government return I can check off if I want a dollar going to the presidential campaign, but then after I do it then I can write and ask for my dollar back, or...

SENATOR PAPPAS: No, you can't write and ask for your dollar back.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I know I can't, but is that what you are saying your checkoff system does?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, basically under a voluntary system the one bad thing about a complete voluntary system is what happens is basically usually the largest producers, of no matter what the commodity is, they are the ones that ask for there fund. Then it puts the burden of the lobby, the burden of the research, the burden of promotion on the little guy, the average guy, similar to what a lot of people say. Senator Higgins, about the blue collar worker, the