

middle class pays most of the taxes right now. It would be the same type of situation.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Pappas. I'm not going to vote to kill the bill. There is still a lot I don't understand about it. Maybe I ought to study agriculture, but then when I listen to the attorneys I think this summer I'm going to study law. So I don't know which way to go. But between now and if the bill is not killed, I will try to learn more about it so I can give a fair vote to the agriculture people. I recognize your problem. I guess the best thing I can say is I'm not going to be lobbied by any farm organizations. I hope those in the Rotunda will listen to me now when I tell you, don't lobby me. I will be lobbied by the agricultural senators in here but not by the farm organizations because, evidently, you people don't even agree out there. You can tell me something that I don't understand. When a senator tells me something, he knows, God help him, if he misleads me. So, with that, I would just say I won't support the kill motion because I do think that maybe this deserves more discussion and consideration.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. (Cavel.) Senator Vickers, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, for Senator Higgins's sake, let me, and for others that might not understand, the issue is very simple. Whenever I sell an animal, a beef animal, there is a certain 25 cents taken off as a checkoff for promotion, for promotional purposes. LB 60 would say that we are going to use up to 25 percent of that 25 cents to help influence legislation, which I think is appropriate, which I agree with. But what I don't agree with is that, and that is where the refundable part came in, is that if I don't agree with what they are promoting or what they are doing as far as affecting legislation is concerned, I'd ought to be able to ask for that 25 cents back. I think that is very clear. I think it makes sense. But I guess it must not to a lot of folks in here. I want to refer, one more time, to the survey that I handed out to you. To those people that say it won't work if you make it voluntary, I think that is really strange when it works in all of the other states around us, and every one of them, and every program they've got is voluntary, refundable. I don't understand why it would work in those states and yet it can't work here. I don't understand why Senator Pappas