

then five years from now certainly if there are any of us left, we are going to wonder why we didn't sell out when President Reagan told us we could expect lower prices. I do not want to take a great deal of time at this time, but I do want to ask you to reconsider the action and bring LB 60 back to the floor for further debate. I think it is very imperative.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes now Senator Barrett, and then Senator Warner and Vickers, Pappas and Nelson. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, in spite of the feelings of my seat mate, Senator Rogers, I must rise in opposition to Senator Haberman's efforts to bring this bill back. I had always had problems with checkoff funds being used to lobby. I did not support the bill in committee, didn't support it the other day on General File. I cannot support this action today. I indicated earlier that I have no real problem, I guess, with the use of mandatory checkoff funds to be used for the purpose, the sole purpose of marketing and research and promotion. That was the original intent of the legislation and I believe it is just as valid today as it was then. I fail to understand, I guess, the fairness of requiring producers to be forced by law to have their checkoff dollars used to influence legislation at either the federal or the state levels, influencing legislation that perhaps many of those producers do not agree with, legislation that they may, in fact, violently oppose. It just doesn't make sense to me. I don't believe that this Legislature should force farmers and ranchers to finance checkoff boards' legislative activities. I don't think we should expand the original intent of the legislation and I would, therefore, hope that this body would repudiate Senator Haberman's efforts to resurrect this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would also hope that you would not place the bill on General File again. I don't know what the amendment is that is supposed to correct the many ills of LB 60. Senator Schmit didn't indicate what that was. But the fact remains that if you are going to start the route of forcing people to pay for lobbying that