

If they are so afraid of me asking for that 25 cents a head back...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...then maybe they had ought to reexamine what they are doing with that 25 cents a head. If they are doing what they had ought to be doing, if they are spending the funds the way they had ought to be expended, I am not going to ask for them back. I don't...on the pork that we produce, I don't ask for the dollars back there because the pork producers do a good job. Traditionally, they have done a good job and that is the reason I can't understand Senator Pappas's and Senator Rogers' position on this bill. Their own industry that they are very active in operates exactly the opposite of what they are asking for in LB 60 and it has for years and years. I guess maybe what they are saying is that they think that that particular industry isn't operating too well. Well, the price isn't too great, Senator Pappas, I will agree to that. But I don't think it is because the pork industry has not been doing a good job in their efforts. So I would encourage you to not revive this piece of legislation until the proponents start standing up and saying, we will accept an amendment to make them refundable. And I will also tell you that I am not in favor of bringing this bill back because I hear rumors to that effect that we are going to apply it to only certain commodity checkoff groups. It is either good for one or it is good for all, or it is bad for one or it is bad for all. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Haberman's motion to revise this bill. Now I think it has been kind of confusing, the bill itself has confused a lot of people. This bill is not a checkoff bill. It doesn't deal with checkoffs whether they are voluntary or mandatory. It basically deals with the provision that allows them to use checkoff money to influence legislation. This is a right that the wheat people had until 1981 and we took it away from them. I am going to support Senator Schmit's amendment that limits it to just the wheat and the corn people and also Senator Wesely's amendment that limits just to the federal level. I think another confusing thing that I think we need to talk about, when we talked about