

lobby. They sent \$87,000 to the U. S. Meat Export Federation. Are we going to launder the bucks? I think the U. S...the Nebraska Soybean Association sent \$400,000 to the American Soybean Association. I am sure they lobby. I am certain they lobby. I think that they do a good job. I am glad they are there. But are we going to limit our own individual Nebraska people to a role that they cannot play and then turn it over to people in Washington no matter how qualified they are, whose interests might not quite parallel our own?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think it better that we have our own people available. I don't want them all on the bus and the airplane going back to Washington. I don't think we want that. But I think that we have got to recognize there are times when it is beneficial. There is one more thing I want to point out. You can just about do anything you want to under these various programs. You can call it education. You can call it research. You can call it providing information. Call it anything you like and you can get by. I don't think it is right. Let's be up front about it, identify it, so we don't have to mislead people. If we don't like what they are doing, then we call the shots. But more important, let's recognize, as I said once before on this floor, there are many of us that are paying tax dollars to support lobbying efforts which we have no recourse against. If any of us could withdraw our tax support for those tax supported positions and lobbyists with which we do not agree, I think you would all agree there would be far fewer lobbyists in this rotunda and in the nation's capitol. I would hope that you would allow the bill to come back and that we could present some decent arguments to you, some persuasive arguments to you to convince you that we are not going to violate the system if we allow the legitimate activity that needs to be allowed to promote agriculture and to do that in the most effective manner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and colleagues, you know, some of my colleagues have said here this morning that they don't want to force this on producers. I think I mentioned this the other day that we are not forcing anything on the majority of the producers. We do things here every day with