

for Nebraska's agricultural interests. It seems to me that this is a compromise that would help the bill and help to deal with the real targeted need of agriculture in Nebraska, and that is to go back to Washington, as we did in February, members of this Legislature went back there and stated our case, likewise we need a year round presence back there in a way that is highly visible. These commodity boards have the resource and the ability to make an impact back in Washington. I think we ought to allow that and encourage it. I'd ask your support for this amendment to do that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rogers, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President, colleagues, we have no qualms with this. We ask you to support Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, did you wish to close, please?

SENATOR WESELY: No, again, Mr. Speaker, what the amendment does is instead of allowing lobbying activity generally, this says the lobbying shall be at the federal level so that we'll be back there with a presence at the federal government level where a lot of the decisions on agricultural policy are made. So I think that is really the highest priority. That ought to be where we put our resources in these commodity board efforts, and that is what the amendment would do. That would take away any concerns some of you may have about this bill leading to lobbying the state legislature. This would take that opportunity away, but would maintain it at the federal level and I think that is really where the need is. So I ask your support for this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of the Wesely amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Wesely amendment is adopted. Next.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by