

Senator Warner. Senator Warner is excused until he arrives.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Is anyone authorized to handle Senator Warner's amendment to this bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, in that event, Senators Vickers and Warner would move to amend. This is the amendment on 2045, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, will you handle that, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Clerk, what page did you say it was on?

CLERK: 2045, Senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you. Mr. President, members, this amendment is one that I think is important that we deal with on this particular bill. This is the bill that would allow the check-off programs to use some of their check-off monies to influence legislation. I have made the point, in the past, that if we are going to allow that, we are going to encourage it, which I don't think is a bad idea, by the way. We ought to give people, who might disagree with those positions, the opportunity to get their funds back. This amendment would say that they can have the same percentage of their funds back that the particular commodity check-off board has used as a percentage of their total funds for lobbying purposes. But, Mr. Chairman, I've been around here long enough to know that as the song goes, there is a time to fold and a time to play and I think maybe this might be the time that I would just like to perhaps live to fight another day, particularly when Senator Warner is here to help me. So I guess I would, at this time, ask unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment and I'll probably try it on Select.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Haberman. (See Haberman amendment found on page 2398 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.