

involved and active in influencing legislation. I thoroughly agree with that. I disagree, however, with the fact that we are going to use these funds regardless of whether or not people agree with the positions. Senator Rogers mentioned that we don't refund taxes. Well, that is true. But for most of those entities of government that taxes go to there are at least some people that are elected at the ballot box that control what happens to those taxes, including ourselves. So those people that are paying the taxes do have some recourse. But if you are a beef producer, for example, I guess a beef check-off is probably a poor example because those people, some of them, are elected, however, elected under a process that is very difficult to know who is how. But most of the commodity check-off boards are appointed. They are appointed and, therefore, there is really no direct mechanism as there is in most political subdivisions. I think that the best thing to do, quite frankly, is to treat all commodity check-offs the same, be it good, bad or indifferent. I happen to think making them not refund it is bad. I would like to make them all refund it. But I have a real problem with voting for the Haberman amendment which says to the beef producers, look, you can be treated differently than everybody else, just as I'm going to have a real problem voting for the Schmit amendment which will be saying to corn and wheat producers that you are going to be treated different than everybody else. Probably what we should have is a commodity board, period. If you are in the business of raising food then you probably ought to have some mechanism to enhance that particular enterprise that you are in. I don't think it should make any difference whether it is corn, wheat, cattle or billy goats. So I'm going to have some difficulties in voting for this particular amendment, and also for the Schmit amendment as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I guess I should support Senator Haberman's amendment because I don't like LB 60. Maybe if we got enough on it, we could defeat the bill. But I am going to have to oppose Senator Haberman's amendment. I have changed my mind about check-offs since I've been in here. I came in with kind of the voluntary approach. But under the