

CLERK: Okay. All of page 1 of the amendment that was on 2045, okay, and down through line 20 on page 2.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes. I think that is correct.

PRESIDENT: You are withdrawing that amendment? You are offering this amendment now. Alright. Senator Vickers. (See Vickers-Warner amendment found on pages 2618-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment...the change in the amendment you see before you on 2045 is to reflect the amendment that was adopted to LB 60 earlier on Select File, I guess it was General File, that made the change in LB 60 so that the only applicable part of LB 60 as far as using checkoff funds to influence legislation was applicable to the corn and the wheat checkoff programs, the corn and wheat boards. The amendment that Senator Warner and I had printed on LB 2045 was applicable to the original LB 60 which included soybeans, sorghum and beef. So we are offering the amendment that would apply only to corn and wheat as LB 60 now is. What the amendment says, and you can read it on page 2046, what it says is that if an individual asks for a refund the amount that that particular board, if it is corn for example, has used of their total funds in checkoffs to influence legislation as a percentage and the bill remember limits it to no more that 25 percent. So if they have used, for example, 15 percent of their funds to influence legislation then the board would be required to make refundable up to that 15 percent, whatever it is as a percentage that they have used to influence legislation. It then also gives the power to the board to refund up to 100 percent if they so desire. In other words, it mandates that they make refundable the same percentage that they use to influence legislation, but then it leaves it up to the discretion of the board as to whether they refund any more than that percentage or not. Admittedly this is a refund. It is one of the discussions that we have had before in LB 60. But, I feel very strongly that if we are going to use our checkoff dollars to influence legislation, and I have got no problem with that, personally I have no philosophical problem with that, but I have a very strong philosophical problem with using those checkoff dollars if they are mandatory. If there is no way for a producer to