

\$10 million to finance this?

SENATOR PAPPAS: We thought we'd get it from you, Senator Haberman. We can negotiate the A bill later.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I just wanted to bring it to the attention of this body in case these being all last year's bills and you haven't looked up your fiscal notes, this is a "biggie", \$10 million. I think it is a good, noble cause. I would vote for it if we would pass my sales tax bill on food so we can raise \$51 million. But beings that isn't up yet, I don't know whether we can find \$10 million for this or not. So I just say watch how you vote on it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd ask a question of Senator Pappas, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas, a question.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Pappas, I'm just curious what this board can do that the current checkoff programs cannot do as far as promoting and exporting the commodities that we grow in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR PAPPAS: The statement of intent that is in, I think, the bill, it should be in there, Senator Johnson, explains many things. One thing it can do that presently we don't have and that is the ability to try to get all of the people to work together, both on...in...within Nebraska on the federal level and the national level. This will be a unification type deal. It supports all types of products and goods, not just agricultural products.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay. Can you explain to me, because I haven't read the bill thoroughly, but I'm just curious to know why the A bill would be so high. What costs would be incurred in a program like this?

SENATOR PAPPAS: The highest cost would be on the A bill for the tremendous amount of input, and insurance and everything else that it would take care of for export finance. Now the A bill does not need to be that high. It was put in there