

Now if that is a consent calendar bill I'll eat your hat. I think it is questionable when we are in a time of budgetary problems, when we've got a lot of needs in this state, needs for the unfortunate, that we are probably going to eliminate, or probably going to do some cutting in areas that might be difficult to some of the needy folks in this state, that we are about to, on consent calendar, advance a bill with a \$10 million price tag all in the name of we've got to export our product. I'm telling you I've been in the agriculture business all my life and I remember back in the fifties, and in the sixties, and in the seventies, and now in the eighties when people are telling us you know you've got to produce, you've got to export it out there because we've got people in the world that can use our products. So now we're going to have to...and quite frankly I'm worse off now than when I was back in the fifties when they first started telling me that. Now we're going to put in money in a board, and they are going to do something that all the commodity checkoff boards, all of the special interest groups that have already been out there, the Department of Agriculture on the state level, the national level can't do? I doubt that. I question that. Furthermore I question whether or not, when we start exporting or start putting these monies in these kinds of things, that I'm really going to benefit. You know when you start talking about value added because you are going to send it overseas, or you're going to find new uses for products, whether it be agriculture or whatever, unless there is some benefit, unless they actually raise the price back to me, it's not going to be any benefit to me at all. So I urge you to consider this very much. I don't like the idea of us advancing a bill on consent calendar with a \$10 million price tag, even though I know Senator Pappas said we'll make it less. Well, let's hear what the less is and then let's begin to look at it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Arlene Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, oppose this bill. The first place is why do we got the beef checkoff board then, funds, well into the millions of dollars. That is what that fund is created for, is to educate the people and sell the products to me. And I agree with Senator Vickers. We have a lot of programs that are beginning to cut down to the very depth here. One that I'll be coming back on is the adult protective services, and many