

of those. I see in here it looks to me just like a boondoggle to create another office and another bureaucracy. I see a built in 7 percent increase in salary, an executive director and so on. My original boss, 10 years ago, tried to promote me to start in on exporting eggs, as an example. I could realize the competition and so on. I think the people are there and the knowledge. We have the various checkoff boards and commodity boards for this purpose, particularly a \$10 million price tag. I vigorously oppose the bill.

PRESIDENT: There are no other speakers. Senator Pappas, do you wish to close?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues...

PRESIDENT: There are about four minutes left.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I won't take that long. A couple of items of clarification to go on. This does not directly compete with your checkoff boards. I'll restate that if you are content with the checkoff boards, the job they are doing, fine, you don't have to consider this. But what this board also does, and one of its main functions, is after the sale is made, after the sale is made it helps make sure the product is delivered in steps, routes, et cetera, to get this product from Nebraska to a foreign country, et cetera, because that is one of our downfalls now, which I think Arlene Nelson and a few other people, even Senator Johnson will agree with the problems we have had with quality control, transportation, et cetera. This is the main function of this bill. The \$10 million price tag, granted, it is excessive, it is high. We can remove that. We can lower that substantially. I think this is one piece of legislation that shouldn't be just looked at lightly. I think it is something that we could do in the State of Nebraska today to help, to help increase our exports, to help the delivery system of our exports. We talk about the checkoff boards. Yes, they do have millions of dollars and they spend millions of dollars of promotion advertisement. Basically that is in the United States. We are talking about export to foreign countries. This basically, too, would also help for the transportation, the delivery and any other assistance of other than agricultural products too. So, don't confuse it with just agriculture products. I hope that you'll move this bill to Select File and then we can