

set up a system in which we have clean grain for the purposes of export markets, I know that the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association and the Nebraska Wheat Checkoff group have been working very hard to clean up grain standards in this country and also the state. But the fact of the matter is it is a worthwhile goal that is unaccomplishable. It just is not going to work, and I am trying to tell you as much as we would like to do something along these lines, until there is some type of a mandate that other states follow suit along with Nebraska, I find it hard to believe that one state in the middle of the country is going to export clean grain to be mixed with other grain from all of the other states at export ports, simply doesn't make much sense to me, and I think it is evident by this amendment that the amendment that was adopted on General File is not workable. At least the Department of Agriculture, which I understand was the originator of this particular amendment, simply says administratively they can't handle this issue, that it is one that they are going to have to contract with somebody to inspect the grain in this state because they don't have the personnel or the facilities to do so. I think it is important that we recognize that is a first step, and I recognize the issue, and I don't want to discount the issue that the wheat growers are bringing to us or that Senator Schmit is bringing to us but, folks, like a lot of issues, this one is probably not practical, at least not from a state standpoint at this point. If we could get the federal government to help us out on this, it would be the best route to go, and it is a worthwhile and noble goal but let's be practical and sensible, and I would suggest that we...I do not have any amendments pending up there. I am simply going to vote the bill up or down, but rather than go through the process of voting these clean-up amendments, basically that is what they will be, the next two, I would suggest we vote down the bill, let it go at that, and move on to other, more productive ideas. I guess I am just saying it is a nice thing to talk about but it is not going to work, folks, and you are going to put a lot of difficulty and a lot of expense on the backs of some grain companies in this state, and, correspondingly, upon the farmers. I know this is permissive language but, folks, we are going to box ourselves into something we are going to later regret, if we don't take a step right now to put a halt to this. I have talked to some of you privately, and you all admit, yes, it is a good idea and, yeah, it would be great, but I think it is important for us to recognize that this is something that probably as much as we would like to see it happen, it is probably not something that we should be doing at this particular point along the line, and