

I know that Senator Schmit has been as active in the agricultural area as anybody in this body. We respect his opinion. I respect his opinion, but in this case, I must disagree with him from the practical standpoint, if nothing else.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Chronister. Senator Chronister, do you wish to speak on Senator Schmit's motion and then I don't have any other speakers.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes, I think this is time to be tossing out roses to Senator Schmit. He is to be lauded for his lofty ideals. Unfortunately, I think these lofty ideals are unattainable at this time. So I feel the same way as Senator Rod Johnson. I just do not think it is workable. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any other that wishes to speak? Senator Schmit, you may close.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I am glad that Senator Johnson is taking some of my advice. I would wish he would listen now along with my good friend, my senior citizen friend, Senator Chronister, because what I am going to tell you is the facts. These are the facts. First of all, what we are doing here with this amendment is that we are providing that the Department of Agriculture may contract for these services. It does not say they need to. It says they may. But now I want to get back to the original bill which they are attempting to kill. Now, we hear every day stories about the hazards of clean grain, dirty grain, et cetera. Now, this is not an attempt to rewrite the grain standards. There is no attempt. We do not change the grain standards. What we are trying to do right now is already being taken care of to a certain extent by the Wheat Board. They are trying to put together and they are putting together a shipment of grain that is 50 percent better than the quality of grain that is normally required by the standard. Now, I hope you will listen. Nothing mandatory, number one, we changed no standards. We absolutely do not change any standards. The standards remain the same. All this says is that if Senator Schmit and Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Harry Chronister want to put together a shipment of grain which is 50 percent better than the present standards, they can do so. If they do so, we get the certificate that says it is better than the standards. I hope you will listen because we are not changing the standards. There is no cost. The only cost is going to be borne by the shipper. I don't know what more you could ask for,