

easy to come in here and tear something apart. It is easy to be critical and I have often been that way, and I'll continue to be that way if I think it is necessary. But, lets not come in here at this time and take a hold of an amendment that Senator Mills has offered in good faith which could very well have drastic effects upon the activities of a group which I believe by and large has a passing grade with the farmers, and especially the wheat farmers, and the consumers of the State of Nebraska. I would urge you not to adopt Senator Mills amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Mills a short question. With about a minute answer. Senator Mills what are you proposing to do with the wheat fund?

SENATOR MILLS: With the wheat what?

SENATOR KEYES: With the wheat check-off?

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SENATOR MILLS: The wheat check-off. That is what it would be a wheat check off. It would be a voluntary thing except that the first five dollars of tax would not be able to be refunded to the grower. He would have to have contributed five dollars. Senator Keyes today the person sells wheat and he is taxed .7% per bushel. If he sells 5,000 bushel he is taxed one quarter percent per bushel on a 5,000 bushel. It is mandatory. He may not ask for a refund. It is mandatory. This would allow him to write to the department, if he thought he wanted too, and ask for a refund up to \$5. He could not get the first \$5 of tax back. That would remain with the department.

SENATOR KEYES: Thank you Senator Mills. That certainly solves it in Sarpy County because I don't think that we have anybody who raises over 5,000 bushel of wheat total in one year or two years. We are a very small wheat country, but I certainly would not support Senator Mills. As far as the soybean tax is going Senator Maresh, I'm very proud of the soybean tax. Last year when I brought my beans out of the field, they were worth \$4 a bushel, today they are worth \$10.20 at the elevator in Springfield. I'm glad that we take credit for that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Mills if he would yield please. Senator Mills a moment ago, Senator Schmit alluded to one thing, he said that this is a drastic measure at this time, could you answer that. Why would it be drastic? And, secondly, you are offering an amendment because evidently you feel that there have been some abuses which the Commission has brought upon themselves. Obviously you believe that if they are not responsible then they should be returning money if they are misusing it. Could you answer those questions?