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try it. Maybe that will bring them together. Possibly you'll have a big effect on bringing them all together to join forces instead of fighting each other. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. May we keep the conversation level down, please. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President, fellow senators, I don't think it was the intent of this bill to decide whether it was to be a voluntary program or not. But beside that, we make decisions here every day with a majority vote. I'm sure if we had all the corn and the wheat producers back here today, in the Rotunda or some place, that a majority of them would want the program, would want the mandatory checkoff. We have a few people representing different organizations that see the thing different. But I still would like to repeat once more, if we had all the producers back in the Rotunda, and we could take a vote, I am very, very confident that there would be a majority of them would want to keep the program. So I hope you'll oppose Mr. Vickers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, then Senator Nelson. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I haven't been talking much about these kind of bills this year, or any year for that matter. But I think it is high time that the farmers wake up and decide they better be spending a few cents to protect themselves. Yesterday this report came out about having to do with taxes. I don't know if any of you looked at it in last night's paper and today's papers. But do you know what it does?

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, just a minute. (Gavel.) Order please. Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Mr. President. You know what it does? You know what this report says? Senator Landis is heading the group. Lancaster County has a reduction of 15.3 percent in their real estate taxes. Where Senator Miller's farm is, it lowers it 19.9 percent. What does it do out west? Sixty-five point one percent (65.1 percent) increase. Do you hear that farmers? If you aren't paying attention, by golly, you ought to be. You ought to be