

getting concerned about what you are going to be doing for yourself. Been sitting back...Bill Nichol can't do it for western Nebraska. Sandy Scofield can't do it. Dennis Baack can't do it. It takes more than just somebody sitting around saying, well, if we don't want to contribute to helping ourselves we can ask for our money back and let somebody else carry the load. By golly, it is time farmers wake up. If they are going to have checkoff programs, support them, all of you support them. Don't wait for Howard Lamb and a few other good citizens to carry the load, contribute and then sit back and say, well, by golly, the politicians did it to us again. It is time the farmers wake up and say we're going to have checkoff programs and we're going to support them. Don't wait for the other taxpayers to do it. Don't wait for the people in the cities to decide what they are going to do to you. When things like this happen, it will get their attention. Why do people come in and say we want to keep our little schools? It isn't because we don't want to pay taxes. Of course they pay taxes. But when you allow things like this to happen, and don't say something, it is too darn bad. I think farmers, again, ought to wake up and say if we're going to have these checkoff programs, let's talk business and do it, not wait for somebody else, be namby-pamby, say well, it would be nice for you folks to support it, but I'll take my little checkoff back. It's high time we do something as farmers. I'm a farmer and I pay taxes on a farm. I know what it is like to pay taxes on a farm. I'm not complaining about the taxes on my farm, but I'm saying if we get an increase of 65.1 percent, and somebody else gets a negative 20 percent, is that fair? It doesn't look like it on the top. Senator Landis, I admire you for taking the chairmanship of this committee that put these books out. But I'm going to be on your back from now on, until this thing gets resolved. I'm not the only one. In regard to this bill, my only point is if you're going to have something for, goodness sake, do it. Don't be halfway about it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President and body, I certainly appreciate a lot of Senator Nichol's statements. I have to agree with him that we farmers have to speak for ourselves and do it, if not, as I always said, the little old lady in New York is going to speak out and do it. I appreciate Speaker Nichol's position, that the farmers should get in