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SENATOR SCHMIT: No, there is not.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay. So it is a one and a half cent check-off with an opportunity for the farmer, at the very beginning, at all times?

SENATOR SCHMIT: At all times to receive...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to get a return of one cent, yes.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay, that is all I need to know. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you very much, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I would withdraw the motion, please.

PRESIDENT: Motion is withdrawn. Is the bill ready to be read?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would now move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose my good friend, Senator Schmit. He was talking about a pall hanging over this body if we passed a particular bill yesterday. And there will be a pall hanging over the agriculture industry, which is the farmer, if we pass this bill. Wheat went down 5 cents yesterday. Corn went down 1 cent yesterday. So now we are going to come around and we are going to add onto that a 1.5 cent tax which makes wheat come down 6.5 cents, and corn come down 2.5 cents. Now, it seems to me like any time agriculture wants to do anything we tax the farmer. Now, I draw to your attention LB 850. That is \$2 million that is going into industry to create new industry. We took general tax dollars, of \$2 million, to create new industry. And I'd say that 75 to 80 percent of that is going to go to Omaha and Lincoln. But when it comes to the farmer, no, we tax the farmer. So why don't we take some of the general tax money and help the farmer? We've heard senators make speeches on the floor of how destitute the farmer is, he's going broke. So you take 20,000 bushels, 30,000 bushels, 40,000 bushels of corn, or wheat, and you add a cent and a half onto that and that

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