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Cullan, did you support the wheat check off bill?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, I did not. I voted for the bill but after numerous amendments to try to make that check off voluntary and I am vehemently opposed to a mandatory check off for any commodities.

SENATOR LEWIS: Is it voluntary now, Senator Cullan?

SENATOR CULLAN: Unfortunately, Senator Lewis, it is.

SENATOR LEWIS: It is voluntary? A person can

SENATOR CULLAN: Excuse me, I was incorrect. It is mandatory now, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: But you opposed it and voted for it.

SENATOR CULLAN: I opposed it.

SENATOR LEWIS: Did you vote for it?

SENATOR CULLAN: I voted for the bill finally for the increase in revenue.....

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Senator Cullan, one cannot oppose and vote for.

SENATOR CULLAN: Well, Senator Lewis, I did attempt on several occasions to try and make the check off voluntary.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Senator Cullan, it is very interesting discussion in terms of your vehement opposition to a bill that you ultimately voted for which contains the same provisions that this one does. So I assume we are going to hear some vehement opposition from you and then you will in turn vote for the bill. Mr. President, a number of us have gone through the process and I believe it is seven now, in terms of check offs for farm commodities and, Senator Maresh, help me if I am wrong because I talked to you and Senator Khale about that before. I believe there is a similar check off for soy beans, corn, potatoes, cattle, poultry. Is it swine? Have I missed something? Senator Maresh, would you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Lewis, some of those are voluntary and some are written in law, the corn, soy bean, wheat, those are written in the law and poultry but the bill I sponsored, LB 74, the soybean check off, you have a refund provision. The others do not and I opposed the mandatory check off in