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give them the opportunity to vote on it just as Senator Haberman said. They will be able to vote on it and decide for themselves. So I move for the adoption of this amendment. It needs no further discussion.

PRESIDENT: An awful lot of people want to discuss it anyway, so I am going to call on them. Start out with Senator Burrows. Do you wish to speak to the Keyes amendment? No. All right. Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the Keyes amendment? No. Senator Wesely. Senator Clark, do you wish to speak to the Keyes amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, I think that would be a good amendment. It would be one way to kill the bill.

PRESIDENT: A nice speech. Very short. Senator Chambers. Senator Cope. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have had a number of checkoff bills in this body over the years. We had years ago the wheat checkoff. Then we came up with the soybean checkoff under Senator Maresh's leadership. Then we came up with the chicken checkoff. I guess the chicken and egg checkoff, wasn't it, Senator Lamb. Now we have a bean checkoff in Senator Nichol's bill. I believe Senator Nichol is very serious about it. I think given the economic conditions of today there may be a lot of us on ham and beans before the year is over and we might not need much of an economic incentive to work on promoting beans but I would have to oppose the Keyes amendment although I think that Senator Keyes is no doubt serious about it. I think, however, on this bill it would be an unworkable amendment, one which we should not adopt. I think we should not adopt the Keyes amendment but that we should support Senator Nichol in his bill. I know there are people out in that area who have opposed the bill. I can say very frankly that in the past I have had some reservations about the administration of some of the checkoff programs but I believe those programs are being administered better today. I know that the members of the corn board, for example, have asked members of this body for advice as to how the funds from the corn checkoff should be spent. Senator Murphy expressed some concern several days ago when we had some amendments for the corn and soybean act that we are enacting this year that narrowed down the ability of the various checkoff committees in the manner in which they can administer and spend those funds. I think that is good but I think that in this day and age that it is commendable that we have groups of producers who are willing to invest funds in promotion projects. It is

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