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and hold their products and demand a price. These checkoff programs or tax programs on agriculture, for programs that have not taken care of agriculture, have not improved or given price structures that are livable in agriculture are another bomb on agriculture. I urge the body to reject the bill. I think at this point we should vote out all the taxes we have on agriculture. They are specifically for commodity groups to keep one commodity of agriculture fighting against another commodity so none of the commodities get anything done in Washington. We can substitute beans for pork and beef and fight back and forth in agriculture with these little checkoffs, Mickey Mouse approaches, and then say we have taken care of agriculture. We did one thing for sure and that is all. We imposed another tax upon the farmer which reduces his net that he gets out of that check. That is the only thing we are doing for sure on this bill and we are giving him a panacea. We are feeding him pabulum telling him he is taking care of the problem. I believe strongly that collective bargaining in agriculture can solve it but shove another panacea, university supported, another tap to bypass the Legislature on its Appropriations Committee for various programs the university wants to get funded. I urge this body, defeat the bill, let's go over it and defeat the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I really don't want to get into a big argument about dry beans in western Nebraska because I don't raise them. I think those people out there should have the right to vote on it. If Mr. Specht is correct, there is nothing to worry about. It won't carry but I do think they should have that right. As far as the checkoff programs are concerned, I completely disagree with my friend, Senator Burrows, because I believe that a great amount has been accomplished. We are marketing more farm products now, probably not at the price he would like to see them marketed at, then ever was dreamed possible just a very few short years ago. I guess those of you that disagree with that would say, well, we can give anything away but I believe we would be in even worse shape if we hadn't taken the time and the energy and the checkoff to go ahead and promote our product. I think pork probably is one of the best examples of what has happened in the industry. Very few restaurants had pork on their menu. Very few housewives even knew how to use it, especially in the urban areas. Today pork is getting to be a household word and the industry has expanded enormously and perhaps will be in trouble eventually with overproduction but right now I think that

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