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LB 14A

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I think we have done this many times in the past. I know there is some concern about lending the credit of the state. I think we are not doing that. It is amazing to me, you know, when I look at the vote on this bill, that we have in the past all of us voted for hundreds of millions of dollars for projects from which there is no return and which in many cases no one ever intends to pay anything back. We have funded offices in this place repeatedly, and as I said one time before on this floor this year, the sun will never set on a government agency. We are going to continue most of those agencies of questionable value. Here we have a group of people who are willing to help themselves and we are discussing at great lengths the \$10,000 appropriation. I think we ought to go back and consider the wool checkoff and the sheep checkoff because we certainly are pulling the wool over someone's eyes when we try to talk about this \$10,000 as over a major appropriation. It certainly is not and I think that the discussion doesn't do any good for this Legislature. I suggest we get on with the bill and advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, assuming the growers vote down this checkoff and I think it is highly unlikely that they will accept this one, this is not a pay back provision. There is no way, if they vote it down, of getting those funds back to cover the cost of elections. The portion of this appropriation that provides for the elections will be out of the state treasury and there is no one there to put up the money up front, and I think under the circumstance with the polls involved that we are going to spend a bunch of money that is not going to be returned to the state, and for no purpose except running it through a referendum. So I certainly oppose the A bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 14A to E & R for review.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: In closing, I would just say that Senator Burrows is correct. If the referendum were voted on to start with and it failed, there would not be any money to pay back the \$1250 or whatever it is. The other amount, if it did go into effect, would be paid back. So actually what