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SENATOR KEYES: It is one way or the other. I mean do they take it off from what the wholesaler pays the farmer or do they add it on to what the wholesaler sells it to the consumer at? It is simple.

SENATOR NICHOL: It is a simple question. I don't know if there is a simple answer to it though because if the developers or the people who buy the potatoes wish to show it on their books as an expense, they may. If they want to show it as an expense in buying it, they may. I don't know which way they show it.

SENATOR KEYES: As it is now, how much did it generate last year?

SENATOR NICHOL: Pardon me, I didn't hear the last part of your question.

SENATOR KEYES: How much did the one cent generate last year?

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't know. I think \$30,000.

SENATOR KEYES: \$30,000. This year we are going to permit a bureaucracy...

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me, excuse me, may I say...I want to say \$15,000 and with two cents, up to two cents, it would be \$30,000 as I recall.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words we are taking \$15,000 last year and I presume that they take it out of the farmer's check before they mail it back to him.

SENATOR NICHOL: No, no, they don't.

SENATOR KEYES: They don't, then they add it to the...

SENATOR NICHOL: No, this is not a farmer's checkoff. This is a checkoff for the people who buy the potatoes.

SENATOR KEYES: Now we are beginning to get down. Now this is an add on tax on the wholesalers price. If he is selling potatoes to Hinky Dinky and they are a dollar a hundred, the selling price, he adds a dollar and two cents for the tax.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, you will notice that it says up to two cents and I think their present plans are to take it to one and a half according to Mr. Gene Shaver who is one of the...