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so that they can sign their own reports, their own expense vouchers. So the Department of Agriculture in a rather quasi organization has been handling those documents for the board. This amendment would clarify that so that the three boards would sign their own documents and be responsible to the board directly and then also, of course, to the members of this body. I believe it is important that these boards be uniform. I believe it is important that they have a regular system of operation. I think it is also important, most of all, remember, everyone, that these boards are financed by checkoff funds, funds from the various commodities. Now there is one little difference about this kind of an operation as opposed to a private operation. Once these funds are checked off and placed in the State Treasury, they then become tax funds. There has always been some discussion as to whether or not farmers should be allowed to get a refund of these funds. I will explain it very simply and very emphatically that many of the existing farm organizations insist that there should be a refund provision for farmers to get back the funds if they choose not to participate. Now, I am a member of all of those existing farm organizations and I am a member and I check off dues with all the other organizations. The question that has to be answered is this. Do you believe it is compatible and consistent with government policy for an individual who has once paid taxes to be allowed to get a refund on those taxes if he doesn't like the way the system operates? As an example, for instance, if you were to carry that out to the extreme, since I did not get my will or my point of view did not prevail on LB 284, perhaps I should be allowed to request a refund of those taxes that would be collected and distributed under the present 284 formula. I don't think you would find that to be good government. I think those of you who do not like the entire personal property tax provision would like perhaps to have a provision that would say that your taxes as collected should not be distributed to different organizations if you don't think that it is being handled the way it ought to be. There are two basic disagreements under this bill. One is shall the three agencies, soybean, corn, wheat be a separate agency of government with their own executive director accountable to the board who is appointed by the Governor and accountable to the Legislature because those members serve with the provisions with the approval of this body, and then number two, should there be a refund provision? Now if you think, number one, that all of these agencies should be grouped under the Department of Agriculture and that they should all be subject to the approval of the Director of Agriculture and that all of their administration and activities and research and promotion should

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