

Legislature's control over the University system as to where tax dollars are spent for research. I hope you will look seriously at these committee amendments and reject them. I do not care if the green copy bill is passed. I don't even like it very much but I could go along as long as it has a rebate provision to the farmer because the farmers that don't like it can get the rebate and those that would desire the program can continue to contribute and they can make the farmer that way...make the program accountable to the farmer with a rebate provision. I think that the Legislature should look seriously in this concept in putting a compulsory straight out tax for a very questionable set of organizations and call it a checkoff. It is not a checkoff when it is compulsory, it is a tax. There is no rebate provision in the committee amendment, and to put a tax in there for a group of people to administer for what they think is right for agriculture with the political forces working both for raising farm prices and also some of those that seem to work against higher support prices. I urge the body to oppose the committee amendments, and then if they want the green copy of the bill, the original copy, go ahead and proceed with that but I think it is really too much to ask for to pass these committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit said that the corn board remains the way they were up to now. I beg to differ with him on this because to look on page 40, it says, "On the operative date of this section of rules, regulations and procedures adopted and promulgated by the Department of Agriculture shall be considered to be the rules, regulations and procedures of the Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board and shall remain in effect until the board amends, alters or repeals such rules, regulations or procedures. All records, reports, documents, surveys, books, files, papers, or other writings in the possession of the Department of Agriculture relating to the Nebraska Corn Resources Act shall be delivered to the custody of the board. All furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles and other tangible property employed or used by the department in carrying on its powers, duties, and functions pursuant to Chapter 2, Article 36 shall be assigned and set over to the board. All funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with the Nebraska Corn Resources Act shall be assigned to the board. All funds credited to the Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Fund shall be available to the board for the purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to