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LB 11

weaken the efforts of the Nebraska soybean growers through the Nebraska Soybean Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board.

SENATOR MARVEL PRESIDING

SENATOR MARVEL: You have forty-five seconds.

SENATOR MARESH: By removing the administration of the checkoff on wheat, corn and grain sorghum from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and establishing a separate agency as proposed by the amendment to LB 11, the administrative costs-sharing currently available to the soybean checkoff of the department would be lost and added administrative costs could be assessed against soybean checkoff funds resulting in less funding for reasearch and market development. In summary, our association supports the original text of LB 11 as introduced by Senator Maresh for establishing a grain sorghum checkoff. We do not support any of the several proposed changes to this bill through the committee amendment." And speaking to the refund, I know the corn checkoff seems to be working well without a checkoff but so is the soybean checkoff. They have a refund provision and only one half of one percent of the growers are asking for a refund and they find this is usually in one community where the elevator operator talks the producers into asking for a refund, and by talking to the people in that locality, they sometimes get this turned around and the checkoff fails to be refunded in that area. So I think...

SENATOR MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I call the question.

SENATOR MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Shall debate cease? Would you please record if you are in favor of ceasing debate, otherwise we will just proceed. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Schmit, you are closing on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, in answer to the challenge