

of Senator Maresh relative to the position with the Department of Agriculture, at the present time the soybean and the corn growers checkoff programs are outside the Department. They are contracting with the Department at the present time. This, the amendment to LB 11, changed none of that. They can still contract. Item #2, the question as to the handling of the equipment. They will get their equipment in the same manner that they get it now. The automobiles, et cetera, will come from the Department of Transportation Services. No problem there. The only problem that we have, the reason I outlined those issues, are so that those items purchased with corn funds, with sorghum funds, the soybean funds be identified and be retained. In the past, if we want to get into that, and I can do it but I would rather not, the equipment purchased by wheat growers funds have disappeared, gone back into the general fund. I don't think that was the intent when we organized the act. Senator Maresh referred to the corn board members. It is not unanimous by any means as to how they prefer to be associated, but in the event they did want to work entirely under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, they have every right to do so under this act. Nothing is changed. As I pointed out earlier, there are two provisions of this act that are controversial. One, shall there be separate agencies under the authority of a director, an executive director, relative to the provision of responding to the membership of the board, confirmed by the Legislature, and then, number two, shall there be a refund provision? There is no refund provision at the present time on wheat or corn. There is one on soybeans. Senator Maresh says it is working fine. That is fine with me. I would suggest, Senator Maresh, that he will find a lot more sorghum will be grown in the large western areas of this state, and I can tell you very frankly that those large growers are going to get their refunds back and the little grower is going to be left holding the bag. I don't think you can ask for a tax back. If you are going to provide that, we should have provided that amendment on LB 284 and every other bill we have here in the body. We are not and we do not have the provision to get our taxes back. I know Senator Burrows feels strongly about this. Sorry, Senator Burrows, I wish that there were a better way to handle it. If you want to handle it through private funds and private subscription, I am willing to go along with that. The facts are that once you get the money in the coffers of the state I don't see how anyone can consistently say that it should go back if I don't like the way the money is being spent. My gosh, where would government end up at. I don't like the way some money is being