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be considered. You want to remember one more thing. In some instances there may be competition between what the Department chooses to do and what the marketing board choose to do. We have provided for those boards. We have given them direction, we give them responsibility. I believe they should be allowed to exercise that judgment. Relative to the other portion of the amendment which Senator Warner wishes to delete. I think it is important under LB 11, and I read you the language. It says, "The Nebraska Wheat Development Utilization and Marketing Board shall be the agency of the State of Nebraska for such purpose." "Shall be", that is in LB 11. Now we say "may be". I think that we are rescinding the action we took a short time ago under LB 11 and I believe it is a mistake. I respect Senator Warner's judgment. I respect also the efforts of the farm community that will put about a million dollars into checkoff programs administered by boards appointed by the Governor. I think we ought to give them an opportunity to operate. I have talked to the Department, some of the personnel, about this. They see no reason, in fact, at the present time I have been told by Mr. Garvin that they have no need for the \$50,000 that is mentioned in this area. If they have a need for it, they are free to come before any of the boards and make application, as can any agency of government or any other individual program. You might recall, some of you who were here a few years ago, for example, the corn board came to me and I went to Senator Warner and they asked that the Appropriations Committee review some of the requests because there was getting to be a great amount of duplicate requests. People came before the Appropriations Committee for money. They came before the Corn Marketing Board for money, and it was felt there ought to be some sort of clearing house. I think it is important we do that, and keep that up. I have no objection whatsoever to those agencies or those individuals or those groups making direct application to the board but I object strenuously and vigorously and with all my persuasive (interruption)...

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to putting in the law language that it is the intent of the Legislature that we automatically support those programs. I would very much hope you would reject Senator Warner's suggestion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I, too, would hesitate to write into the legislation any binding commitments for the checkoff program. I think they were started