

four percent of it, would have given this state about \$800 million tax revenues to work with. Two percent, \$400 million. It is the basic problem of this state since this state's major industry is agriculture. The basic problem we have in taxes and everything else that is related comes from the fact that our agriculture segment is underpriced, and most of this comes from Washington and at least we should provide information to the newspapers so they can explain this to the citizens of this state so they understand what the basic problem is. I urge you to override the veto. It does not have an A bill with it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I sense we have two different issues here, one in which the Governor vetoed it and that was the question about the check-off of the Wheat Board, and the other is the question of reports. I guess I would like to ask somebody, probably Senator Schmit or Senator Burrows, either Senator Schmit or Senator Burrows...maybe my vote isn't worth very much...(interruption).

PRESIDENT: Which one of you gentlemen want to answer or respond? Senator Burrows.

SENATOR NEWELL: Anybody could answer.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, ask the question.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I am trying to decide the efficacy on the Governor's veto and I would like to have somebody discuss a little more, Bill, about why the Wheat Board, you know, whether or not other check-offs have the same sorts of problems, or do they have the same provisions etcetera. I would like to hear about the Governor's objections more than the bill. I voted against the bill for reasons of mandating the reports, but I think we now ought to be addressing more the Governor's veto, and I am just curious, if you can enlighten us about the merits of the Governor's arguments.

SENATOR BURROWS: I would really rather let Senator Schmit address this. However, I can say I see no reason for requiring the head of the Department of Agriculture to sign these reports the way we set it up. There are things that I don't care about in check-off programs, as you know, but I think to set up obstacles to running of the programs, potential obstacles, is rather ridiculous, and