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and at this point in time the Governor is saying, we believe that the Director of Agriculture should sign those vouchers even though he has no control over how the money is spent. He must put his signature on top of that expenditure. I guess I am concerned again why, you know, we can spend a lot of time arguing over how we perform this unnecessary function. In the supervision of a total of a half a million dollars, we can spend three-quarters of a million dollars without ever looking at it. We roll those bills across the board and pay very little attention to them. We selected out and we took our lumps at a million seven hundred thousand of Aid to Dependent Children. That is easy to fight. This is a thing that is easy to fight, but we spend three-quarters of a billion dollars and nobody knows... I shouldn't say nobody, but very few people really understand where all the money went. I believe this money is properly handled in this manner. I believe the majority of the members of the Ag Committee agree with me. I see no further reason to accommodate the Governor in this one instance. The Governor had no objection to the points that Senator Beutler raised. His objections were directed toward, as Senator Warner pointed out, that supervisory authority by the Director of Agriculture. I think the Director of Agriculture has plenty of things to supervise without worrying about how we spend a half a million dollars of wheat check-off money. He can look at it, but I don't think it's necessary. He can't do a darn thing about it anyway. He can scream and holler and shout, but he is going to have to sign it because otherwise we can't operate. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: All right, that is the closing, so all those in favor of LB 322 becoming law notwithstanding the action of the Governor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Schmit, I am going to call the question. I don't think there is any way you can make it. Senator Schmit, I am going to let it go. There is no....okay, record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 2425 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Any further motions on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, if I may, I have