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whether they hire that person. It is the same way with the Corn Development Board. They have an excellent program going in fructose development and promotion, but they must contract with someone else when in fact they might better be able to utilize the personnel, the expertise and the dollars if those persons were employed and directly answerable to them. There are differences of opinion on that, I would grant that. But I would just want to say that very frankly the programs I believe could be enhanced by giving them additional flexibility. Certainly no one would argue that the present state of the economy needs some kind of a boost, and I believe this would be helpful. I think that on page 8 also refers to additional language in regard to development units and research, and the same way is the language on page 10. I will tell you very frankly that existing farm organizations are opposed to the amendments. They are opposed to the bill. They would like to see the bill dead. I am a member of all of those organizations. I serve and have served, in fact, I was instrumental in organizing one of them more than 30 years ago. They have performed admirably and done well. I have no quarrel with them. I have to call attention...I skipped over one amendment. I want to call your attention to it. It allows them...I have stricken on page 6, I have stricken four words which says, "or to influence legislation". I want to tell you why I want to do that. Two years ago...more than two years ago when President Carter imposed an embargo on the grain sales to Russia, the various commodity boards sitting there with the expertise and the money available to actively oppose that embargo had their hands tied, could not take action to do that. Now the grower associations which are separate from the commodity boards could, in fact, have done so and did do so but they do not have the funds. I will tell you why. As a corn grower I contribute \$1000 average annually to the corn checkoff fund. I contribute \$35 or \$50, I forget what it is, as a member of the Cornrowers Association. Obviously, the Corn Checkoff Board has many kinds of funds.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you Mr. President....has many kinds of funds available to them as do the grower organizations. The reason I believe it is important that the boards be allowed to actively influence legislation is this. Our principal area of problem is no longer the market place, is no longer the quality of seed, diseases of corn or milo or wheat. The principal problems emanate from Washington, and unless those of us in agriculture have the ability to oppose sometimes Presidential orders, sometimes Congressional