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I have made this one.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, they were just between you and I. I figured nobody else understood them.

SENATOR SCHMIT: First of all, I have no objection whatsoever to allowing the funds to remain in the Department of Agriculture budget. I have complete confidence in the department and Mr. Garvin that those funds will be used wisely. My principal concern was as I have indicated many times on this floor that I do not want this body to allocate those funds. It is a fine line between \$65,000 and \$650,000. Let me point out to this body that the Corn Board has \$500,000 more or less of funds that have not been allocated. As has been said by several people on this floor, we are looking under every rock we can find for money. Now the point I want to make is this. If the board decides to make those contributions to a program of the Department of Agriculture, and no comment from me, it is fine with me, fine with the members of the board, fine, Senator Warner, with the members of the Wheat Board. The Wheat Board has the longest history of cooperation between the department of any board. They have set the pattern and I have before me and I have with me a letter from the Wheat Board to another board in which they volunteered to cooperate and have cooperated with overseas establishment of offices with their own personnel and some of their own funds to break the way and pave the way. I think that can be done and I have asked for and in fact I have demanded that there be cooperation between the boards and between the Department of Agriculture. And I think it is much better now than it has been in the past and I would like to ask just one more question, Senator Warner. If the amendment that I have proposed to LB 942 comes up on Select File, would you support that amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Which amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The amendment which strikes Sections 2 through 6 on 942, and the amendment which strikes Section 14.

SENATOR WARNER: I think I indicated...well, you weren't here, I indicated the other day that I understood that some cooperative things would probably be worked out and then it would be unnecessary for those sections, and, you know, based upon those whom have contacted me I have a reason to believe that that will be the case and then those sections could be stricken from the bill and had I not expected it to work, I would have pursued with the amendment,