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was any vote that I feel good about it was the vote yesterday when I voted again to take out the lobbying in the check-off bill because if this represents what they want to use my money for, then it was a most unfortunate piece of legislation to continue this kind of an approach. I would urge that the body...and I really would urge Senator Schmit to withdraw the amendment, but I would urge you reject this. If there was any time that there ought to be a sense of equity and fairness, and that is a favorite word, but if there is any place that the cost ought to be up front, and that is a favorite word, then the cost for a half of the livestock testing for disease control ought to be born by the producers. Now we do have an amendment which will be filed to ensure because there were some who thought that some of the livestock might be assessed twice for the 3 cents between the slaughterhouse and the market, and we have an amendment that makes sure. I don't think it would have been done that way, but we have an amendment to clarify it so it won't be done. But other than that, as a livestock producer I see nothing wrong....

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR WARNER:and I would hope that the body would see nothing wrong with this approach to finance the disease control of livestock as well, and vote down Senator Schmit's and Senator Labedz's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Schmit amendment but I guess I'm surprised, I'm surprised that Senator Schmit whose fought pretty valiantly and yet unsuccessfully this year for the pseudorabies proposal to eradicate from hogs that dreaded disease, that bill proposed a tax. And I thought if anything, if we were going to see anything today we would see Senator Schmit probably offer to up this fee especially in regards to swine and try to reimpose that second opportunity to bring that pseudorabies bill. But what we see here is quite another attempt. I mean, Senator Schmit in one regard says, you know, we need to do more in some regards and in other places he says, you know, I don't know if we ought to raise the fee, we ought to cut the fee. I can appreciate that during the waning hours of the Legislature that there is a lot of different requests made upon individual members and there is a desire by us to try to meet those. But I think that the inconsistency here is one that we should recognize, that we ought to recognize that there are some needs to make some adjustments and that those adjustments have been proposed clear across the board. Now

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