

those are something that benefits my business and I have no problem with supporting, at least partially, with a fee to pay for that service. I think it is proper and I support Senator Warner and oppose the Schmit-Labeledz amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, we'll call on you to close but before you do I'd like to introduce some grade school students from your district, District 44 in Saunders County and they are in the North balcony. Their teachers are Loretta Lindgren and Gladys Cajka. Would you stand and be recognized, please. In addition to that we have some guests that are traveling across the country. They are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller of Evansville, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hollis of Fort Branch, Indiana. They are traveling across the area from California and Tijuana back to their home so would you stand and be recognized, please. Thank you for visiting the Legislature. Senator Schmit, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I'd be pleased to close. I'm sorry Senator Warner got so worked up. He's just getting started to get worked up. You know, the attempt to raise funds to support government by fee is a temptation which is always there because by so doing, and I'm not accusing Senator Warner of not being willing to raise the income taxes or the sales taxes that are necessary to support government. But there isn't any way you are going to raise enough money by a collection of fees to support state government, whether it is in this area or the tax on babies or anything else you want to impose. Now the facts are that the livestock producers did not ask for the Bureau of Animal Industry to be created. It is created as a consumer protection area. We probably benefit as Senator Vickers points out. I suffer no embarrassment for defending the livestock industry and the outraged demands that if we are going to spend up to a buck a head to lobby and we're not willing to spend three cents to protect a wholesome food industry is ridiculous. Let me just point out that this is one reason why livestock producers like anyone else ought to be able to tax themselves, and remember, Senator Vickers and Senator Warner, these are the producers' own money. It is not general tax fund money. It is the money we taxed ourselves for the purpose of promotion. The reason we have to do it, the reason we've asked for it is so you can defend yourself against this kind of chicanery and I'm just going to point blank say it that way because that is the only way to say it. It is just like the old theory of opening the gate and let one steer out and all of a sudden the whole herd goes. It is like shooting into a flock of ducks and getting one out of a hundred. If you throw enough of those ideas out eventually some of them are going to get through and you can appear to be outraged and you can appear to defend the