

working relationship with the Congress as Senator Coordsen has said, and as a former member of the...chairman I believe of the Sorghum Board, he understand that probably better than I do, the necessity of working with the federal government, both at the administration level and in the congressional level. But we have good, strong leadership there and failure for Nebraska to appropriate this money, I believe would be a negative sign in the direction of trying to clean up the grain production of this state. I support the Warner amendment and hopefully you will also support the Schmit amendment as amended by the Warner amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, followed by Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, first of all let me say that I have no doubt in my mind that this morning we will appropriate the \$50,000 into this program, but I raise some concerns personally about the program itself when you look at what is going on on the broader, as they commonly refer to the big picture. As has been stated by Senator Coordsen, Senator Schmit and others this morning, you have a lot of entities looking into the grain standard issue. In fact, I just did some checking. We have a Corn Checkoff Board, a Wheat Checkoff Board, a Soybean Checkoff Board, a Sorghum Checkoff Board and a Dry Edible Bean Checkoff Board with annual collections of revenue of over \$4.5 million. That money is to be spent in the area promotion, research and utilization of those products. I assume somewhere in those discussions, I know the Wheat Board has spent a great deal of time discussing the improvement of clean wheat being marketed out of the State of Nebraska. I have also heard mentioned on this floor, and I'm aware of activities on the federal level to look at the problem as well as in the private sector. So I'm almost to the point where are we going overboard? Is this overkill? And what can we accomplish with a \$50,000 appropriation that \$4.5 million worth of contributions by our checkoff groups cannot accomplish, because they work not only on the state level, but also on a national level as well. And so if nothing else, an injection of reality, I have no problem with that if the body wants to continue to participate in the compact, if it's accomplishing the goals it is set out for, that's great, but I don't know if maybe 50,000 is enough. Maybe we need to appropriate more to make a bigger impact. But I just think, quite frankly, you've got duplication here of unbelievable proportion and spending another \$50,000 on this, I