

Johnson, you are entirely right. We ought to have an overriding interest and we ought to look at that money and, in fact, we have an obligation, if we do not believe the money is being spent properly, not to appropriate it, not to appropriate it, and I'm willing to look at every one of those because I can tell you very honestly that on this floor we shed a lot of blood a few years ago to remove the personal taxes from grain and livestock and farm equipment. Today, by virtue of the various checkoffs, we have reinstated that tax many times over and to the extent that we have done so...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I hope it has served the farmers. But from time to time as I've traveled around the state, and I know as you have traveled around the state, that utilization of funds has been questioned. I just want to say this, that I have never yet found anyone who has disagreed with our efforts to provide for a cleaner quality commodity. I hope that we never do. I hope that we will continue our efforts in that direction and that the \$50,000 as a biennial budget is a small amount of money we pay for membership in that group. I hope that the commodity boards will all become more interested, I believe they are. I hope that we will find continuing efforts on the part of the congressional delegation, I believe we will. I think we are moving in the right direction, albeit, too slowly for me, but, Senators, most of you are younger than I am and you will be around here in time to review this from time to time along with Senator Haberman and see to it that the goals and the directions are always adhered to. So, therefore, again, I want to ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman is next, but may I introduce some guests from the Bellevue Senior Citizens Group. We have 16 members. Some are under the north balcony and I understand a few are in the north balcony. Would you folks please stand so that we may recognize you. Thank you. They are guests of Senator Hartnett. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Schmit a couple of questions, please.

PRESIDENT: Of Senator Schmit? Okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.