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SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Schmit, I heard your reply to Senator...on...if somebody drops out and collecting the money and one thing and another, the Attorney General will do this or do that, Senator Schimek. Is the grain compact a state agency or a private corporation?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, it's a quasi-government agency.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It is pardon?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is a quasi, it is known as a quasi-government agency in my opinion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does the state then have any control over the actions of this quasi-government agency other than providing funds?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That we have the most effective control possible, Senator, and that is the control of the financing of the agency.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right. It is a corporation, is it not?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is not a corporation, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I'll come at you another way then.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I was afraid you would.

SENATOR HABERMAN: There is one state, we have four states that pay dues and pay expenses and we have one state that does not, so we have four states. Now explain to me how someone can be a member of something, of any organization basically, especially a quasi-state organization, if they don't contribute membership dues, if they don't contribute a fee, if they don't contribute anything towards expenses, how can they have the rights that are afforded the other states that do provide the funds when they contribute nothing financially to the organization?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, we are a self-governing organization under the rule, albeit under the rules originally established.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But the rules were made up by whom?