

is one of those apple pie and buttermilk bills. I am not going to say it isn't. I am just telling you you ought to know what you are doing, and I am telling you you are turning a bunch of money over to some people, fine people, but they have very little control. I went before the board one time and I asked them why they did not keep at least 50 cents of that dollar in the State of Nebraska and spend it as the Nebraska Beef Board saw fit. At that time, they were keeping about 25 cents, and their reply was, we don't even know how to spend all the money we have got now. Now that is a problem, ladies and gentlemen, that we ought to have on this floor, one which we haven't had in the 23 years I have been here. I would suggest that today, Senator Rod Johnson a year or so ago, carried a bill that said they could keep...I believe should keep 50 cents of every dollar in this state. I would assume that that bill no longer has any validity. I would assume that all the money, if they choose to send it back east or west, wherever they send it, will go. I hope we keep on having \$83 fat cattle, ladies and gentlemen, but the time will come when we will not. I can remember when we had dozens and dozens of packinghouses. Today for all practical purposes, we sell cattle to...70 percent of our cattle move to three packinghouses. I have been told that that is competitive. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I will tell you something. I just visited some feedlots, and large feedlots, it is not a very competitive situation today if you are feeding a few hundred cattle or even a few thousand when you try to sell those cattle. As of this time, ladies and gentlemen, we ought to know more about we are doing...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...with these funds, not less. We ought to have a better handle on the collection and the distribution, not less. We ought to require additional accounting, not less. We ought to ask for people to come before the Appropriations Committee and explain where the money went, why it went there, and what we did with it. We have all good people in the system of state government, yet we require all of them to do these things. We require cities and counties and schools and townships and NRDs and everyone else to account to the final dollar. In this instance, we lump it off and away it goes and no one knows where. I think it is a mistake, and I am not saying that I won't vote for the final bill because I can assure you that coming out of the west will be a whole horde of cowboys and they will be saying, Schmit is anticattle feeder. Well, I