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have fed a few cattle myself in my life and I have paid a few checkoffs and I have supported the checkoff idea.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But I would suggest that in this particular instance, ladies and gentlemen, we are being just a wee bit casual in the way we are handling the funds. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Now we go to Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, not that you always want to follow a leader, but I forgot to say it awhile ago that currently there are 44 qualified state beef councils, and that 30 of those are nonprofit. So I guess it isn't a new idea, and if it was a new idea, I would be a little more laid back on this, but it has been practiced and it goes on, and with all the federal regulations in line, I think we will be safe. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members, just briefly, \$6,767,928 was raised in Nebraska in '89-90, at a dollar a head, which is federally mandated, which is federally audited, and over which we have basically no control as of now. But I see no problem moving this to another agency. The reason that money is not spent in Nebraska and is spent nationally is because that is where the consumers are, that is where the mouths are, that is where the markets are. And so most of that money is not spent in Nebraska, except to tell and inform producers in Nebraska some of what their money is being spent for. But most of it is spent nationally because that is where the markets are, also internationally. I have no problem with that, and I'd urge the passage of this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I would just give the rest of my time to Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.