

intentions of the introducers of this bill. I know that they are trying to make the system work better. I can tell you only that, with the exception of the Wheat Board, I was here for the creation of everyone of those boards. I can tell you that I am not pleased with the accountability or the lack of accountability we have on most of them and that includes the most recent one we created which was the Ethanol Board. I think that they can serve a good purpose, they can perform yeoman service for the entity they represent but I believe it is a mistake to transfer these funds to a nonprofit corporation. They are tax funds. They are collected involuntarily. They're going to be transferred basically to the national organization with very little or no control. Do you know, Senator Rogers, how many persons sit on the national board?

SENATOR ROGERS: There's...on the national board, I don't have the exact number, on the Beef Board I'm going to say it's around 16 or 18 but I can find out. I'm not aware of the numbers on that board because, actually, the Nebraska board meets, any producer is able to go to that and get the same information as you would on the national board. There's a report filed quarterly on where the...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ROGERS: ...dollars are spent.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Aren't there more than a 100 persons on that national board?

SENATOR ROGERS: I can't answer on the beef.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Uh-huh.

SENATOR ROGERS: They tell me there is, Loran, but...

SENATOR SCHMIT: There is or isn't?

SENATOR ROGERS: They said there is.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I see. It seems to me that somewhere I heard there was about 150. Well, that would be about four times, three times what we have in this body. To get a consensus and have any influence on that board, the Nebraska representatives will have to be super powerful. What I have seen of the money