

that has been sent to the national board is that it is spent mostly on slick paper type of advertising. I want to say this, that the comment was made the last time we discussed this bill that we've got \$82 fat cattle and that the board is doing an excellent job of promotion. Ladies and gentlemen, the reason we have \$82 fat cattle...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...is that the bankers called for the sale of about 30 million mother cows back in the early to mid-eighties, reducing the cow herd from 130 million to about less than a 100 million. The shortage that we have of cattle today is the reason for \$82 fat cattle. Four times in my life I have sold cattle for half what I paid for them, 1953, '63, '73, and '83. I hope that does not happen in '93.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If it does, ladies and gentlemen, I would guess that we will deeply regret the transfer of these funds because at that time we will not know who or whom to blame. Thank you very much. I oppose it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further discussion on the amendment by Senator Rogers? Senator Rogers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR ROGERS: I might make a few comments, I mean, I know Senator Schmit has been very negative on checkoffs, I guess, ever since I've been down here. And I don't happen to have any cattle but I do participate in the pork checkoff. I think it's a very, very small amount that we contribute to our industry. It is multiplied by several times with the dollar that they put in, with dollars from industry. Like I said, I have no cattle but I know with the small amount that we check on checkoff on pork, nobody has an exact figure but there is no way that it can't help and return many times over that dollar. And I would for advancement of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Rogers' closing on his amendment. We will now proceed to vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the amendment by Senator Rogers. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.