

limitations I'll revisit this amendment. With that I'd withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: The amendment is withdrawn. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. Senator Coordsen, you had an amendment printed, Senator. I had a note that you wished to withdraw that and offer AM3589? (Coordsen amendment appears on pages 1457-59 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, although this is an amendment to 556, it addresses the issue of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission section of statute. It is not a campaign finance reform measure. This amendment, and basically it's printed in the Journal, the substitute amendment deletes the words out of the Journal in that say in the making, participating or voting on a decision and replaces it with language that is the same as language in other restrictions, making or participating in the making of a governmental decision. For your information I would background just a little bit what happened last year in the field of our grain checkoff commodity boards in that when the Accountability and Disclosure Commission was looking at their compliance with the current language in statute they ruled that they were in violation of the reporting requirements of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission, more specifically in conflict of interest. It gets just a little bit complicated but if you'll bear with me for a minute or two, our commodity boards generate funds by a grain tax. The members of those boards are placed into that position via nominating petition and are required by law to be a producer of that particular commodity. Then with those monies they are entrusted with they do several things, one of which that they fund quite a significant amount of research and have over the years going back into the fifties by the Wheat Board and another part of those funds are used to help to develop export markets in other areas around the world for our grain. As that latter responsibility of theirs in developing markets comes about, they provide funding through various national organizations, the U.S. Feed Grains Council, the U.S. Wheat Associates, the American Soybean Association and other organizations. The mechanism of organization of the national groups is that for each dollar or unit of dollars of