

contributions the contributing board receives a director or a voice in how those funds are spent. With the ruling of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission with the narrow definition it becomes impossible for the grain boards to, in fact, contribute to international market development. For an example, our corn board puts enough of their funds into export market development that each of the members of the Corn Board is a director on the U.S. Feeds Grains Council. The ruling prohibits a director from voting or participating in a discussion of funding of this particular organization because not only do the majority of directors belong, the majority of members of the board belong, but that all of the, in fact in that organization all of the members belong. There are several other organizations of a grain board that would be taken out of the contributing or developing markets overseas by this ruling. So with that little background what this amendment then does is make a narrow exception to the accountability and disclosure laws in that for the purposes of the Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board, the Grain Sorghum Development Board, the Soybean Development Board, the Nebraska Wheat Development Board, the Dry Bean Commission, the Nebraska Potato Development Board and the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development Board. If, and I'll read the language. It says, it will allow them to make or participate in the making of a governmental decision if the potential conflict of interest is based solely upon a business association and the business association exists only as a result of his or her position on a commodity board. The intent of this is to provide a very narrow exception in our conflict of interest statutes that would allow these boards to continue to operate in the manner not only that they always have historically and would allow them the opportunity to continue to be involved in export market development. So with that I would ask if, certainly would respond to any questions. If there are none I would ask for the advancement of this particular amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Is there discussion on the Coordsen amendment? I'll go down the list of buttons that were on if you wish to discuss this amendment. Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Just one quick...oh, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, just one quick question, Senator Coordsen. This is a...two quick questions. This was a fairly recent ruling, all right? Is that correct?