

SENATOR COORDSEN: Of last fall.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Of last fall. And would you reiterate for us what essentially they said?

SENATOR COORDSEN: They said that the members of any of the commodity boards who were directors in an organization that was being funded by the grain tax monies from the State of Nebraska could not participate in or vote in, on decisions in funding that organization.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Ashford, do you wish to speak? Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers. Excuse me, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I also have a question for Senator Coordsen. With that ruling in mind then, your amendment allows them to participate, is that correct?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do you think there is a vested interest or why did the court make that decision?

SENATOR COORDSEN: It was an interpretation of existing statute and applying that statute to the system of operation that exists.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The necessity for the wording we have is that in this area it is very delicate, as far as language goes, so that in other areas the conflict of interest statute would still be in effect in the manner in which they were designed. This is intended only for that one particular situation.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I don't have a copy of your amendment. Is it somewhere in the Journal or...?

SENATOR COORDSEN: It is printed in yesterday's Journal but that is a...there is a...we found that we had made a little bit of an error in the drafting. Do you have the Journal copy? It's page...whatever, it's toward the end of the day I believe