

SPEAKER WITHEM: Could you clarify that, please?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, at their annual meetings only the farmers can vote on the voting delegates.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Why...are there people in the cities that are full dues paying members to this organization?

SENATOR JONES: They are not full due paying members. They're just associate members.

SPEAKER WITHEM: People that live in the city are associate members?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: They support the organization through dues and they pay dues to support the organization?

SENATOR JONES: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And help keep it above board but they're not allowed to vote and participate.

SENATOR JONES: That's right because you've got to have so much of your income earned off the farm to be a voting delegate at their annual meeting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And why do these people in the cities then pay to belong to an organization which they cannot be involved with in decision making?

SENATOR JONES: Well there's a couple of reasons. A lot of them is in small towns in the whole area, in the rural area that wants to support their rural people, and others there is an insurance policy goes with them too that they do it for that reason.

SPEAKER WITHEM: So they belong basically to take advantage of purchasing a product that they can't purchase if they don't belong to the organization?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, they don't have to have a membership to buy life insurance, but they do have to for car insurance or health.