

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. I found that to be interesting information. I was just kind of curious when we talk about organizations and how they take positions and who participates in taking of those positions. Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Chambers, if you have use of any more time, I would yield to you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Withem. Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Jones a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jones.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Jones, this becomes significant now in view of what you just told Senator Withem. When the Farm Bureau puts out its position papers and talks about the number of members, the number of members exceeds the number of farmers, so they're not really telling the complete truth, are they?

SENATOR JONES: See when they have a voting delegate floor when the only the members that's the farmers and ranchers vote, so then they do say the whole membership because they can't hide that. You know really they are the members in a town and the country, but when you're setting policy it's only the farmers that set the policies.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the city people are just associate members.

SENATOR JONES That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well why have I never received a letter from the Farm Bureau describing members and associate members and saying associate members are not allowed to vote? Have you ever seen a letter where they make a distinction between members and associate members when they say this is the Farm Bureau's position on legislation?

SENATOR JONES: No, I haven't seen that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, are you a member of the Farm Bureau?