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agony here. I think that we have...I think we've made a case for our side. Senator Tyson has made a case for his side. I think he's wrong and he thinks I'm wrong, and so it's (laugh) it's a standoff, Senator Tyson. But I guess I would ask you to consider, I was just looking through some information the other day and there's an agency called a Wheat Board and, Senator Tyson, it says that the Wheat Board is charged with developing the public policy of the state of Nebraska to protect and foster the health, prosperity and general welfare of the people by protecting and stabilizing the wheat industry and the economy of the areas producing wheat. Would you like to take a stab at how much this agency has to spend to promote wheat? Senator Tyson?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson, would you respond?

SENATOR TYSON: Yes, Senator Schimek, I have wonderful, wonderful news for you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: What?

SENATOR TYSON: The Chairperson of the Government, Military Affairs (sic) and Veterans Affairs Committee is working on the problem right now to diminish those commissions that are not...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I'm not criticizing the Wheat Board. I don't...I'm not...I'm not making an argument for getting away.

SENATOR TYSON: Oh, the word has already gone out that you have, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: All I'm...I'm asking you is do you know how...

SENATOR TYSON: I...nothing I can do to stop it at this point.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...do you know how much we spend to keep the Wheat Board in operation?

SENATOR TYSON: We didn't spend anything. I believe the wheat growers spent that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, it's \$1,181,774 in 1998-99, and that was an appropriation, I am told by a member of the Appropriations