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that we need to move forwards with this bill, or otherwise the beef industry in Nebraska will have...will not have any funding for promotion whatsoever. This was done years ago. And when the national checkoff is...looks like it's going to break down, or perhaps will, depending on the lawsuits are coming across and what the courts decide, we're having a backup plan in place, It has been...the auction markets are the ones ready to go. that will collect the checkoff, if you run cattle through an And that was part of the reason that the auction market. national one has been declared unconstitutional. I think the livestock auction markets are one of the associations that took it to court, because of the way it was handled. And the national was handled in the correct way at one time, until they had some national trade organizations got into the mix of it and started receiving funds from the checkoff into their national And from then on, everything went junk. trade organizations. So I think the plan you have here is a very good plan, would like to see it continue as such. There's one of the...I think Senator Stuthman brought up the \$12 million, and that's mostly a case of depositing the money in an account someplace, so that we have a place to put the account. And that shouldn't have anything to do with the General Fund. And at this time, any time I have left I'll return to Senator Kremer, if he so desires it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Kremer, you have a minute and 21 seconds.

SENATOR KREMER: No, at this time I would turn it back to the Chair.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen. Senator Kremer, if I could continue with you just a bit? However the Cattlemen want to do this is fine with me. I just want to be sure that everything is transparent and subject to review, and identified to the public and to those who agree and disagree with the Nebraska Beef Council and how it's run. The things that...you're indicating that there will not be a bid process. And there will be a contract out to an entity. This entity is a nonprofit.