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fed or maintained in Nebraska immediately prior to the sale, the sale will be deemed to have taken place in Nebraska unless there has been a reciprocal agreement entered into by the Department of Agriculture that would cover this set of circumstances. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. How much time do I have, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About 2.5 minutes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I will tell you how the bill got off General File without me being opposed to it. Again, I don't favor the mandatory checkoff. Senator Kremer did not attempt to mislead me. I was not at the committee meeting when the bill was advanced. He was under the impression that opposition to this proposal that exists in LB 150 had evaporated in view of the time that would elapse between taking a producer's money and granting a refund. The opposition continues to exist. The reason at that point I did not fight the bill is because I did not want to substitute my judgment for those producers who are going to have to give up this checkoff money, even though it was not voluntary. I'm not substituting my judgment now. There are producers who don't want this. They don't want the state letting this private outfit go into their pocket and take the money, and then put them through various problems to get their own money returned to them. That's how the bill got where it is. But now, brothers and sisters, I'm going to ride this critter and this critter is not going to survive without my amendment. That's my intent. I don't know whether Senator Kremer has got 33 votes, but we're going to have an opportunity to see how well he can manage the floor and persuade 32 others to join him in taking, against the producer's will, money out of his or her pocket for this private outfit to laud what they are doing, and working sometimes against the interests of the producers who were forced to give this money. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on AM0967. Open for discussion, Senator Kremer, followed by Senators Stuthman, Wehrbein, and Senator Chambers. Senator Kremer.