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misconduct that could come from that is something...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: ...that we just can't do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Stuthman.

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the SENATOR STUTHMAN: body. Realistically, in my opinion, Senator Chambers' amendment where we'll have an individual that sells their livestock at a marketplace, packing plant or wherever, they would just sign a certificate stating, you know, they do not want their checkoff dollars removed from their check. I think...and I have been very close to the pork association. Years and years ago they started with a voluntary checkoff just like what the beef producers are planning right now where the money was sent in, you could submit a letter stating that you wanted your money back within a certain period of time. I think if ... with Senator Chambers' amendment, where the individuals can, at the point of sale, when they get their check or when they check in their livestock, they can...they'll have to ask them, do you want your checkoff taken off? They'll sign a sheet and say, no, I want to keep all the dollars that I've got coming to me. If this would happen, we just as well scrap the whole program because I don't think there's going to be any dollars, you know, collected for beef promotion. No one is going to be out there working for the producers and, realistically, the ones that the beef promotion, research, and education work for are the smaller producers. People don't realize that, but they work very hard for the smaller producers. But in the conversation that I've had with a lot of people, it's the smaller producers that, you know, want those checkoff dollars at home. They want to keep them. They want every dollar they got coming to them. But yet, we must realize that the promotion and education is for beef. Beef, it's what's for dinner. That's for everyone. I think in the future, in the long run, if this program isn't continued, if it is ruled against the national checkoff and we don't have a state program in place, I think the whole program is down the tube. What's going to happen in the future then? Large corporations, like Tyson Foods, Cargill, they're going to promote their