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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Unicameral, I rise to support...or strongly oppose, strongly oppose Senator Chambers' bill (sic) and amendment. It's very frustrating, as an independent...as independent as the beef producers are...actually, we're like farmers, beef producers...going our separate ways, it's very difficult to get us all united. The beef checkoff has worked very successfully over the many years, in my mind, to promote beef. And, in fact, we enjoy a strong market today based on what was done five and ten years ago when beef consumption was really declining. And I know many of you who are not directly involved in this, you're wondering, why should I have to vote on the checkoff for the beef industry when I'm not directly involved, and there's only a few? But I think it's like a lot of things that we're doing here. Majority...I believe it's an accurate statement to say the majority of the beef industry is supportive of a checkoff. And it's been interesting to me. I had a phone call from Dillon, Montana, this morning. Several of you have had calls from around the state, perhaps around the country, many of them come in...have come in and said, we don't want this, we want Senator Chambers' bill, but we still support the checkoff. And it's very interesting to me how you can say, we don't like the way you're doing it, but we want...we still think the checkoff is a good idea, but we want it to reflect simply our ideas. And it appears to me that we need to consider that this, in a majority...in a democracy, the republic that we're in, the democracy we're in is the majority rules. And even though I recognize there's a minority out there that doesn't want the mandatory checkoff, we have given to that, it's not mandatory, it's with a refund, so this is a compromise, as is presented in Senator Kremer's original bill. You're not going to get everybody agreeable on everything. This is, I think, a recognized fact. But there are some fire walls, if you will, in the way the money is distributed for promotion and for research and all the other things that we faced the last few years particularly. It's...we have...the members that are on this, in this case, Nebraska Beef Council, are elected. They're elected by district, so everyone has a chance. So it isn't that there's not representation. There is representation on how this is done, and if you look at it, once again, not everyone agrees how