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the best for just myself and not worry about anybody else...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. On with discussion of FA131. Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm not going to talk very long, but I want to lend my support to LB 150 and my opposition to AM0967. Advertising pays. Have anybody in this room seen a decrease in advertising? Are billboards coming down? When you watch television, is there less advertising? When you read the newspaper, do you see less advertising? No. We see more advertising in front of us all the time, because advertising pays. Every beef producer in the state qualifies and benefits from this checkoff program, even though they might ask for a refund. And as has already been said, the smallest producers benefit proportionately from this more than the large producers do. Beef checkoff program has been working well. Beef is before us every day. Either we see it or we hear it talked about before us, and it does help to sell our product. This is an economic development issue. Every person in this room should have a vested interest in this because of what the livestock economy has to contribute to the state's overall economy. As already been said, if we're not going to fund this program the way LB 150 lays out, then we just as well forget the whole thing. I don't always agree with how my tax money is spent, and I'm not even allowed to apply for a refund. And I think the people, the committee, that spends these checkoff dollars do very well, will do very well, in spite of the refund provision, because they'll have an idea, after awhile, how many will apply for refund and they'll be able to budget their program accordingly. So I believe that the refund provision is fair, a fair compromise. The board that administers the dollars represent the feeders, the majority of the feeders, at least the ones that leave their money in there and don't apply for a refund. And that's kind of the way we do it here. We represent the people that elect us. It's a representative form of government, democracy at its best, and I