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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now...

SENATOR LOUDEN: If they're competitors, we talk about propaganda.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Louden, how many times have you contributed more than \$1 per head when you were dealing with the checkoff?

SENATOR LOUDEN: You mean per animal?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Usually we only sell our cattle once. We don't...we raise them and we sell them to someone else.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you can contribute more than \$1, if you choose, to the checkoff, can't you?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Oh, I suppose you can...yeah, you can, you can put...you can will your entire operation to them if you want to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not talking about willing after you croak. I meant while you're alive, kicking, and out here scuffling to make as much money as you can.

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, we've always paid just...paid the checkoff.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can only pay \$1? And if you offered to pay more they would refuse it?

SENATOR LOUDEN: That I don't know. I think that would go into a different setup when you do that, and I'm not familiar with how that's done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, what this amendment does, this motion, Senator, is to bracket this bill until May 15 to give time for the court to act, and we can see what, if anything, would be appropriate for the Legislature to do under the circumstances. It's clear that I'm opposed to the checkoff, but let's say that