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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And for the sake of the record, Senator Stuthman is the Arnie of the Ernie and Arnie show.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuthman, is there a rule or regulation of the federal government which will not allow a person to earmark money in addition to the \$1 per head for the promotion, advertising, and research that this checkoff program deals with? What I'm asking for, in other words, what makes you feel that a person cannot contribute more than \$1 per head to that program?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: The reason I feel this way and I think this way is because I'm very familiar with the pork checkoff. The pork checkoff is only a little bit different than the beef checkoff. The pork checkoff, the mandatory portion of it, those cannot be utilized for lobbying.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's true. But if a person gives more to that program...what I think you're off the track on is that no more than that maximum can be taken from a person for this program. It puts a cap on what can be taken against the person's will. But if the person volunteers to give more, I don't think that cap would prevent that money from going to that program.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Chambers, I think you are correct there that if the individual that wants to contribute more dollars would identify where those dollars are to go, to promotion or to advertising, they would be utilized in that fashion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So you are correct there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank...and I was correct earlier, but maybe I wasn't clear in the way I expressed it. I see Senator