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placed them, you know, everything was okay. But in the long run, what realistically, I think, is going to happen is that it's going to be the end of the livestock feeding operations in the state of Nebraska. And that's one thing we don't want to happen. We got to be very careful, you know, as to what is happening. We've never had so many livestock producers have so many concerns as to what's happening to them, the regulations that are pushed down upon them. They get approved on one thing, think they're all okay. Should be okay, but they're not. That's the thing that I have a real concern with. And I guess I'm not going to argue the fact that a biologist is not a thing to have on there. I think it probably is an asset to have on there. But I do not know--and probably because of lack of intelligence as far as the information--I don't know what the Environmental Quality Council...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...realistically does do. I know they meet quarterly. But you know, what information, what positive information do they give out to our livestock industry, our crop production industry, our ethanol plants, all of that? You know, is there a real value for that? And with that, I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Schrock. And this will be your third time, Senator. He waives his opportunity. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment which has been agreed to to put a minority person on this group is beneficial. But I got up to speak about something else. I was under the balcony, minding my own business, leaving this discussion alone. Then Arnie, of the "Ernie and Arnie Show," stood up on the floor and said something that drew me to this microphone, like a strong magnet will draw metal shavings. He is the man who supports a mandatory checkoff, although they want to call it voluntary. You take it from the producer, then he or she can file some papers and get it refunded. He didn't mention that today. But he's concerned about the producers. You know what Arnie, of the Ernie and