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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, this bill that came before the committee dealt only with the leasing, one way or the other, of buildings. Is that true?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Now I will ask Senator Schimek a question or two, because the Ag Committee is out of it, more or less.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Schimek, would you please respond.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, how important is it to you to have this checkoff as a part of what amounts to your bill?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It's something that I don't feel strongly about. But on the other hand, Senator Kremer did come to me ahead of the committee doing the amendments and asked if I would have any objection to it, and I said no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, I have a great amount of objection. And from my past positions, it shouldn't come as a complete surprise to you that I would oppose this. What is your...how hard do you want to fight to keep this provision as a part of your bill?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator, I think it would not be unfair if I disclosed that Senator Kremer said if that...if it became a real issue, then we would probably give up that portion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a question.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Kremer, would you please respond.

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, what possessed you to think this might become an issue?