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SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, that is just the point I was going to make, is the fact that the amendment itself and the bill itself both deal with the method of collecting once you have gone ahead and cut the weeds. You have assessed the owner of the property and this assessment is not billed. Generally it is just sent once. Now what they are proposing is that that particular assessment be placed on the real estate tax statement and you get another chance to collect it in other words, another push at the owner of the property to force collection of that fee. There is nothing wrong with collecting the monies. There is about \$500,000 worth of these fees hanging on the books. This would be the easiest way to bill the owners a second or a third time and in fact, if you add it to the tax statement which the bill proposes to do, if they come in to pay their taxes you just do not accept the taxes without the payment of the special assessment at the same time and therefore if they want to keep themselves out of trouble with the payment of their taxes and they avoid tax foreclosure, they go ahead and pay this fee for clearing the weeds off of their property. I see nothing wrong with it. The amendment itself just switches from "shall" to "may" at the request frankly, of the County Commissioners up there. If, for example, if that will keep everybody happy, fine, make it "may" and if they do not cooperate next session we will come back and here and we will write it "shall" so that they will cooperate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I served on a county board for eight years and when certain parties decided not to spray the weeds it was sprayed for them and it was put on the tax rolls and there wasn't any way to get out of it and we got in a few lawsuits over it before it was over but I feel that if you are going to make it change the "shall" to "may" you really do not need the bill. They all ready have that authority and I certainly think that the people in Omaha that own real estate, whether it be a lot or a block or several blocks should be treated the same as the rest of us over the state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, since Omaha obviously has financial problems, I think they should face those problems and do it, not come down with a