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philosophy that the risk of a particular business or industry should be borne by those participating in that business or industry and this I think would have the effect of making people more careful when and where they use these funds because obviously as their share of the cost goes up they will think a little bit more about whether they really need to spend these monies. The only other comment I would make is to ask somebody else to comment, some farmer or rancher, on the economics of the situation. Somebody indicated to me that the cost of the grasshopper control program may be somewhere up about \$1.50 an acre. Somebody else indicated that the rental value of the land they are going to be spraying is somewhere around \$7.50 an acre and if those figures are correct, it strikes me as being an exorbitant amount to pay for grasshopper control on that kind of land. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support the Beutler amendment. This is essentially the funding formula that is contained and decided by the Appropriations Committee within their bill. It recognizes that there may indeed be a grasshopper problem and indeed state dollars may be applied to that but it says that there should be at least a little more responsibility shown at the local level and that would be 50%. Now the bill itself, I think, is very, very open ended. It establishes a formula. It says one third from the farmer, it says one third from the federal government, therefore, it is presumed that one third comes from the state. There is no dollar limit as to the total cost of this program. There is no limit as to how long this program will go on. It simply says we shall pay a third of the cost. If the number of acres increased or if the price of the insecticides or whatever increased, our share couldn't be just \$2,000,000. It may be 3 or it may be \$4,000,000 and if we do not appropriate the funds a deficit must be applied. I think Senator Beutler offers an amendment that offers some restraint in this area. I would also think that perhaps we could have the most effective program if indeed there was a little more financial responsibility at the local level. Now Senator Nichol provided us a handout on grasshopper control and it is interesting to note that based on that handout the State of Nebraska is not using the most economical nor the most effective control program. It indicates, if you look at this, it is called Controlling Grasshoppers Manna from Montana from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural research.

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