

It indicates, it says, for the past twenty-five years or so, insecticides such as malathion or carbaryl have been the main means of control but insecticides are costly and because of grasshopper migration habits often impractical to use. It then says biological control offers the safest most economical means of holding grasshopper populations down and that is Senator Nichol's handout and that indicates that the program we are using in Nebraska is not the most economical, that the program we are using in Nebraska is not the most effective and it seems to me that perhaps one of the reasons we are not using this money wisely is that we are not asking the local rancher to assume an adequate share of the cost. So based on the information provided by Senator Nichol as far as the most effective means of grasshopper control, I think that if we can lower the state's share, increase the local responsibility then the ranchers of this state will make the state use the money in the most economical means. 50% from government sources seems a very, very fair allocation of dollars. We are talking about a program that Senator Clark has indicated grew from a \$40,000 request to a \$2,000,000 request in two years. There is no limit in this bill as how much further it should grow. Senator Beutler, I think, tries to restrain some of the cost. It would be prudent for this Legislature to do so.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion before the House is to cease debate. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just make one more point, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, in closing. If the cost of spraying is in fact, \$1.50 or so an acre, what I am asking you to do with this amendment is to increase the rancher's share from fifty cents an acre to seventy-five cents an acre. So we are talking about a quarter an acre. That doesn't sound like too much to me. Thank you.