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is all that says is that the ranchers shall pay one third, for the record.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Fowler, is Senator Nichol's impression correct?

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, the difference is that the bill says that the farmer shall pay one third. It doesn't say what happens if we don't, at the state level, fully appropriate our third. What my language says is the farmer shall pay at least one third. We then will decide how much of the rest to appropriate which could be a third, then the farmers would only have to pay a third but we might at some time, every year we will make an appropriation and some year we might not have enough money to fund, fully fund our one third share. In that case, under my language, the farmer's share would rise.

SENATOR CULLAN: Does this mean that there will be no deficit appropriations in this program?

SENATOR FOWLER: They have traditionally requested the money as a deficit anyway because they get a better grasshopper count if they wait in requesting the amount but what it does, is it says that if there is a request it is up to us in the Legislature to decide whether or not to fund that. Under Senator Nichol's language as it is, we must pay 100% of the one third of the program which could be any amount of money. We have no idea. This allows final authority as to the dollars with the Legislature.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Nichol, is that amendment as explained by Senator Fowler acceptable to you?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, are you finished?

SENATOR CULLAN: I am finished.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, I will rise to support Senator Fowler, as I understand it that that is in future years but as of this year the issue is settled. Right? Senator Fowler, is that going to go into effect this year or is that in future years?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well I think this bill has the emergency clause. This bill will go into effect immediately. What it means, Senator Haberman, is we will argue about the

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