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SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is a fair limitation. Last year the State Department kept no records as to individuals. They mapped the areas but kept no records as to individuals or corporations and the amounts of aid they received from the grasshopper control program. I think ten thousand acres is a tremendous sized unit to allow but it would put some restriction and it would ensure that the Department keeps accurate records as to the individuals and corporations and the amounts they receive benefits from this fund. So I move the motion. It has been laid on everyone's desk. It simply restricts the amount of money that can be used on more than, that no state money can be used on acreages beyond ten thousand acres. I move the amendment and hope everyone will support this to put some credibility into the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I have Senator Keyes, Senator Fowler, Senator Dworak, Senator Venditte, Senator Kahle. Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the Burrows amendment? We are discussing the Burrows amendment. Senator Dworak, do you wish to discuss the...? Senator Venditte. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I think this cripples the grasshopper program. I think we really get the wrong concept in this whole thing. I think we think we are giving the rancher something and I suppose indirectly we are but you have to remember that everyone of those ranchers is going to have to write a check or pay for that spraying. He is not going to receive that money from the government of from the state or from anybody else and it would be pure foolishness to spray part of a ranch and not the other part if it is infested with grasshoppers and I'm not even sure they could spray it under this system, what kind of an operation they would be working under. I imagine this will be contracted so I don't see how they could spray the land if the government wasn't involved in the paying and in the process. So I think you are nitpicking. I think that this bill has been hashed around long enough and I think we ought to spray the grasshoppers with the money we have. The state is putting very little in now. The rancher is going to pay half of it and I think it is purely ridiculous to put restrictions on it. The ten thousand or twenty thousand acre ranch is not all that big in the sandhills and I don't know why you are trying to hurt the guy that probably has the biggest problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak to the Burrows amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I