

statute. It updates notice forms and makes it more explicit as to what the landowners must do, plus it doubles, I might add, doubles the fines from \$100 a day to a maximum of \$1,500 a day. Again, the bill retains historical procedures that failure by the landowners to control their weeds after a notice leads to enforcement by the county attorney. Immediate needs can be dealt with the by the county through the forced spraying, the cost of which will be borne by the owner or become...or they can have a lien filed against the property. The county can also sue to recover their costs of the forced spraying. The bill, as amended, also creates a fund which would consist of \$40.00 registration fee and also asks for matching fees from the General Fund. The bill still permits various procedures, such as entering lands, guaranteeing...or quarantining lands, prohibiting movement of infected equipment, etcetera, prohibits intruding on quarantine property. The bill also authorizes suits by persons and agencies to get enforcement of the law. The order of such suits is to sue the landowner first, the control authority second, the Director of Agriculture is third and then, finally, the Attorney General. Those are, as quickly as I could offer them to you, the committee amendments. They are extensive. There are some committee...or amendments to the committee amendments that will be offered by Senator Owen Elmer that will I think highlight some of the areas he has concerns with the noxious weed law and the failure of the committee amendments to identify some areas that he has concerns with. But, with that, I would offer the committee amendments to the body of the Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments? Senator...excuse me, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the committee amendments is offered by Senator Elmer. Senator, I have the amendment that reads on page 2, strike line 17, show it as stricken, and insert "state shall provide for the control of noxious weeds within their jurisdiction and may appropriate money for and make". (The Elmer amendment appears on page 1074 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize to the body for bringing these amendments in this way. The bill came up on the agenda for first thing this morning rather quickly