

Thursday and I had expected to have several more days to prepare and work out with "Cap" a single amendment to the committee amendments. However, coming up this way, it would allow the body to get pretty familiar with a very important bill for the state by talking about these various aspects. And, as we go through these amendments, you will probably get to know a little more about the bill and how it works. The first amendment that I offer, taking into context, looking at the committee amendments on page 2 where it amends Section 2-946.02, it currently reads, "All cities and villages in this state may provide for or appropriate money for and make the necessary expenditures for noxious weed control." With my amendment, it would read, "All cities and villages in this state shall provide for noxious weeds within their jurisdiction and may appropriate money for and make the necessary expenditures for noxious weed control." As we all know from rural areas, when we drive into Omaha and Lincoln and look at the interstates, look at the streets and valleys, there the musk thistle grows, there the bindweed grows, it seems to be uncontrolled. All this says is that these cities and the municipalities across the state shall be obligated to control noxious weeds within their boundaries. That's all the change says. I think it's logical and I would ask for your support of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion the Elmer amendment? Senator Nelson, your light is on, would you care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: No, I will wait for the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, on the amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President...or Mr. Speaker and members of the body, it appears to me there might be a little error there. The part in the amendment that calls for "the state shall provide", I believe the state should not be in there. I believe that should be deleted and we're trying to find the proper form to make that change. I would like to just visit with you a little bit about the bill, if that's in order.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks, we have another light on, I believe on the amendment. Could we go to Senator Rod Johnson...

SENATOR DIERKS: Sure.