

SPEAKER BARRETT: ...if he would care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's fine.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I have nothing further to add to what Senator Dierks has just raised. I think there is a concern about the amendment as drafted. Under the amendment as drafted by Senator Elmer, it appears that the state would be responsible for paying for the cities' enforcement and I don't think that's what he intended to do with his amendment and I am hoping that can be clarified and possibly Senator Elmer can respond to that. I will give the remainder of my time to Senator Elmer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. If you will look at the amendment that I provided, as it's printed, it says on line 2, strike line 17 in its entirety and insert "state shall provide for noxious weed control within their jurisdiction". Now taken into context, that says all cities and villages in this state shall provide for the control of noxious weeds within their jurisdiction and may appropriate money for and make the necessary expenditures for noxious weed control. Is there any...do you have any further question? Does that clarify what I'm talking about? See, we originally strike the original whole line.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like a question of probably first Senator Owen and then, secondly, Senator Dierks. The amendment, as you have presented it, Senator Elmer, would require the subdivisions, the cities and the villages, to control the weeds within their jurisdictions at their expense. Is that right?

SENATOR ELMER: That is correct, or contract with the county weed superintendent to do it and pay him his expense.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, do you understand the amendment in that same context? While Senator Dierks is on