

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, sir?

SENATOR ELMER: In some instances, I would think the goal of noxious weed control would be the eradication. And, however, as it's stated, it says, eradication or prevention or suppression or limitation, depending on the situation, of course. It depends on what the department would set up as their goal as to control, I would think. It doesn't say eradication is the definition, it says it's one of the possible definitions.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, we will accept the amendment as it has been presented.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I wonder what would have happened 40 years ago when tuberculosis was prevalent in both humans and livestock if we would have had language that said, you know, you may suppress or you may limit or you may prevent the spread, and so forth. If they had not decided at that time to embark upon eradication, I doubt very much if it would have ever been eradicated. The pseudorabies bill which we are listening to this session, I believe is designed toward the goal of eradication. I know that eradication is a tough goal but I want to point out we have already left a major loophole in the first amendment when we said that those jurisdictions "may" appropriate money for the control of those weeds and rather than to say "shall". And I think that as much as possible you have got to move toward the eradication. You certainly have got to work towards suppression, limitation and the rest of those, but if you do...if your ultimate goal is not eradication, then you have the determination as to what is a substantial effort toward suppression or limitation or the propagation of the weeds. Is it fair to fly over it at 90 miles an hour at a 300-foot swathe and say you have tried to control them, or do you have to work on a really realistic proposal? One of the limiting factors we have had in the past is the matter of judgment. What does constitute an effective type of control program? And I want to point out again that what we're getting into in some instances is going to require a control program that may well be more expensive than the land is worth. And you are going to hear some screaming and shouting, as I said earlier, from landowners in the city when they get billed for cleaning up these weeds on their lots and their homes and around their buildings, but it's going to be small potatoes, ladies and gentlemen, compared to