

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Elmer would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have number 4 in front of me. (The Elmer amendment appears on page 1075 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. This addresses a problem that has arisen numerous times out in the greater State of Nebraska during the operation of the noxious weed bill when it was being operated and as it's being currently operated. Many times on an acreage that has been set aside as noncropland or wasteland is the very area where large amounts of noxious weeds appear. Some of these when they're sprayed by the county weed control authorities end up having liens applied to the land on which the problem has arisen...or where the problem was where it was sprayed and its wasteland. This individual who owns the land may own hundreds of acres of very productive land in the county and one or two areas of wasteland. Well, if this wasteland has been sprayed, a lien been put on this property, it is only on that piece of property where the spraying has been done where the lien has been placed. What this particular amendment would do, would allow the county to place a lien on all the agricultural property owned in that county by that individual rather than just on a piece of wasteland where he may not pay the taxes on so he doesn't have to pay the bill. So this would ask that if spraying were done and a lien was placed on property, it would not just be on a single little piece of property that had very little value but on all the property that that particular individual owned in the whole county. And I would ask for adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson, discussion on the amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, few of these amendments I will find objectionable. This one, I do. As Senator Elmer has stated, it is possible, through this amendment, that I could have a piece of property sprayed that I own in one area of the county and yet a lien could be filed against not only that property but other property that I own. I guess I have some basic fundamental policy difficulties with this proposal. I understand where Senator Elmer is coming from and I appreciate that but in this case this is where he and I part ways, I guess, on ways of collecting funds. I guess taxing