

land that has had no improvements done to it, in this case actually being sprayed, because I had other property that was sprayed, I think is...I'm not sure it's constitutional, first of all, but if it is, I guess I still have some reservations from a policy standpoint and would oppose the amendment on those grounds.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, rise to oppose this amendment. I think it would probably set a pretty awful precedent were it attached. And I just...I don't believe this is what we want to do. I think that...really, I think the bill came out of committee pretty clean but all of a sudden it has some problems, I guess, but actually this is a problem that I don't think we want to add to our bill. So I would oppose that amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, on the amendment. Senator Schmit, on the amendment. Senator Elmer, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR ELMER: I had hoped we would have a little more discussion about this particular amendment. Noxious weeds are something that you're trying to control across the whole state as a benefit to the whole state. If you're working within a county, it's for the benefit of the whole county and all those counties that surround it. And this particular little problem may not be very widespread but you have a situation where an individual might have a very small area of land that's worth very little that some control measures are necessary on. It may be quite costly and rather than to pay his obligation, he chooses to pay his taxes on all the rest of his land but not on that little piece. I think it's only fair that the man be obligated to pay his just account and this is a method that could be done since it is a benefit to the whole county. And I would ask your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Elmer amendment to the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the Elmer amendment number 4 to the committee amendments to LB 49. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 1 aye, 14 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the