

through the University Extension Service and whatever other body he deems necessary, it requires that he disseminate this information to the counties and the public so that they will know what they need to control and how they need to control them. I think it's absolutely essential that this be a part of the bill that makes it mandatory but not permissive that this publication and distribution take place. I would request your accepting this amendment.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the amendment, as I see it, while very worthy, I think is pretty well taken care of in statute and by direction. The Extension Service in Nebraska has this responsibility currently and the bill itself on page 4 of the committee amendments does say that noxious weeds shall mean and include any weeds designated and listed as noxious in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the director. I think it's pretty well taken care of. The one thing in the amendment that I think will be difficult is the part where it says that these are to be distributed to the public by the director. I think that would be extremely costly for the Director of Agriculture to have to publish these noxious weeds and distribute them to the public. This is something that should be done on the local level. The County Extension people and the county weed service should be able to handle this on their own level. So I would be in opposition to this particular amendment. I don't believe it's necessary. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on.  
Senator Elmer, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR ELMER: Well, Senator Dierks, in all candor, the people on the local level are not prepared to publish those kinds of lists. They're not prepared to make a good...a nice brochure to hand out to their farmers. This is something that needs to be done for some of this money that we're going to be appropriating. What are we going to be spending this for? We're going to give the Department of Agriculture a goodly sum to enforce the noxious weed law. We want to tell him some of the things we want him to do. And I think that the primary thing that the department needs to do with that money is educate people. How can we go out there and fight this battle with