

have some real concerns or problems in diverting this much money or slapping a fee on chemicals, and so on, for this just to address this one area. We have many, many areas that need to be addressed and particularly our water quality and our herbicides and pesticides. So what my concern is, is our we allowing too much of a fee on to address one area without taking the whole...all concerns in consideration? So I probably will be supporting the bill but, again, I have some real problems with the funding and allowing that much of a fee for weed control when we have the other concerns to address us. And maybe we can work that out and I'm not quite ready at this point to amend Senator Dierks' bill, but, again, it is a concern of mine so I will just kind of maybe do that on Select File or visit with Senator Dierks about it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, discussion on the committee amendments, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I think that Senator Rod Johnson touched upon an important point and that is that he and Senator Dierks and Senator Owen Elmer need to get together and review the impact of these amendments upon the committee amendments and then the committee amendments upon the bill and I would hope some kind of idea as to just where the fiscal responsibility will lie for each of the various entities and jurisdictions involved. Senator Arlene Nelson raised a point, one I think it's important that we talk about just a little bit. You know, we are embarking in a small way and perhaps not even a small way, maybe in a major way upon conflicting courses. There is a going amount of pressure upon the public or by the public upon agriculture to lessen our dependence upon chemicals, upon herbicides, pesticides, yet at this very same time we enact into law this bill which will require the use of certain chemicals and herbicides which certainly are going to compound some of the other problems we are talking about. It's going to require very judicious use of those chemicals. It's going to require a very thorough knowledge of their use by the individuals who use them and certainly we want to be certain that in eradicating these weeds we do not endanger our water supply or any other area of our environment. I think that it can be done. It has been done in the past, can be done in the future, but I want to point out that we are making a major commitment here of funding, whether it be from the state, and I don't think that we're going to see that. I am a little bit like Senator Nelson when you increase from 10 to \$40 a fee for the registration of chemicals, that's a