

is the result of our getting that act together. The amendments are fairly straightforward and fairly simple. The first amendment, the first thing that it does, it amends the term "eradication", it just changes the order and terminology so that "eradication" is just one definition of control rather than the primary definition. Secondly, it includes political subdivision and the list of government bodies responsible for control of noxious weeds. Thirdly, the amendment allows the Department of Agriculture to receive reimbursement from the federal government for control work done on federal land, otherwise such reimbursement would go to the General Fund. Finally, the amendment strikes a portion of the bill which stipulates that the initial legal action be taken against the landowner, subsequent action against the county and final action against the state. This sequence really is not necessary because the bill already establishes an order of responsibility. By striking this we allow legal action to be taken where it is most appropriate. These are the amendments...the provisions of the amendment, and without any further discussion, I guess, I just urge your adoption of these amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Elmer would move to amend the Dierks amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is really basically very simple. The second part that Senator Dierks explained, where we added political subdivisions, as in the responsible parties to pay for noxious weeds that happen to be present upon the land that they would control required an additional word in there, talking about a budget. My amendment is basically technical in that it would clearly state that the state agencies, boards, departments that have weeds on their lands would pay for it out of money appropriated to their particular departments or agencies, while the local subdivisions, since they acquire their money through a budget, would be required to pay that fund out of their budget. And the primary reason for that was that I felt that, if we left it worded as it was, that the state agencies might possibly put together a budget and not allocate anything in the budget for noxious weed control and then choose not to pay the bill because merely they hadn't budgeted for it. This just is to clear up