

one in my hand out that we're the...that we are the first ones to get it.

SENATOR NELSON: I think that's the answer, the first one with a hand out you grabbed it all and the rest of us are going to be holding our hands, I think.

SENATOR DIERKS: Let me tell you a few of the figures from other states. North Dakota has requested \$540,000 this year strictly for leafy spurge control. Montana, raises \$350,000 from a 1 percent surcharge on herbicides, they also raised \$350,000 from a 50 cent charge on motor vehicles for weed control. So I guess we look for a source of funding wherever it's available. In Montana they're getting it from motor vehicles. Wyoming, annual budget currently includes 250,000 for leafy spurge control alone, and \$200,000 weed control on right of ways on public lands...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...and 100,000 in administrative funding, all from General Funds.

SENATOR NELSON: I certainly...I guess you're on my time. I agree with you and I'm also familiar that Kansas has registration fees and Colorado has fees and Iowa has fees. But I'm sure cautious about opening the door. I know the weeds need it, but I wish you'd find another source of funding, I guess.

SENATOR DIERKS: I understand your concerns. I don't really have any problem with that, except that I think we've explored most of the possibilities or all we can come up with. During last year's conversation with the legislation we finally agreed that this is the way to try to do the funding in Nebraska.

SENATOR NELSON: Shall I tell you how it is? You was the first steer out of the chute and so you won.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, thank you, I'll accept that. You're becoming rather adept at finding new names for me today, Senator Nelson. I thank you for that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Dierks, I just had a quick