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LB 49

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion. Not debatable. Those in favor of adjourning sine die vote yes, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adjourn sine die.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Back to the overrides.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 49, Senator Dierks would move that LB 49 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I thought maybe this motion might come up a little earlier than this. I was the first one filed, even before the bill came...the veto bills came back from the Governor yesterday, but I guess the way the thing works out we didn't get to it till now. LB 49 was my priority bill. It will...it's a bill that takes care of noxious weeds in the state, has an A bill associated with it calling for \$187,000. In the scheme of things it's not that all that big a bill. The need for this legislation I think is known by all of us. I don't look on it as strictly a rural type piece of legislation. This is a bill that I believe has quite dramatic effects concerning economics of agriculture and which I think has the same effect throughout the state, whether you're urban or rural, and I...we know the necessity for this legislation. We've been without a weed bill for several years and with the absence of that weed bill the counties have been unable to proceed and do the weed control programs that we've asked them to do. So now, with the advent of LB 49, we put the state back in the weed business and we provide the funding for the State Department of Agriculture to do all the necessary things to give us a good weed program. I don't know how many of you are aware of it. I'm not sure how many of you understand the significance of this leafy spurge problem in this state, but there have been entire ranches taken off the tax rolls in other states in this nation due simply to a leafy spurge infestation. This has happened in Montana. I know of a 2,500 acre ranch in Montana that has been removed from the tax rolls because it can produce absolutely nothing, and that's what we're looking at in Nebraska if we don't take some real stringent action to stop it. It's of