

vital importance to our entire state. That's not just rural Nebraska. That's also urban Nebraska. There...I believe the Education or the Agricultural Committee this year spent a considerable amount of time on this. I know that the counsel for that committee spent a lot of time getting the amendments right, bringing the bill in the proper form to this committee. Senator Owen Elmer has spent a lot of time on this type legislation. It's been our priority for a number of years. I think that it's just so vital that we get this put back into law. I hope that there will be some people who have questions they might like to ask. If they do, I'd sure like to try to answer them. I am so...I just feel so strongly about this. I think that it's really a must for all Nebraskans and I hope you will support the override on LB 49. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, I rise to support this override motion and I would just like to emphasize some of the things that Senator Dierks said, and one of them is that leafy spurge is a terrific problem in the states north of here and, as he mentioned, there are acres and acres up there that have been taken off the tax roll because of the spread of leafy spurge. The land is virtually useless. So that will have wide ramifications in this state if that happens. Now the other part of it that he did not mention is that, while this does call for \$187,000 of General Fund, the other half of that, there's another \$187,000 of Cash Funds which will be raised by increasing the charges on chemicals that are used to fight weeds. And that certainly is an appropriate way to fund that part of the program and it's half the producers will be paying it through the fees, additional fees, that will be charged for those chemicals. So this is an important program and I would recommend that this veto be overridden.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj. I'll leave it up to the body. Discussion has been limited. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Dierks, please.