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with that I would let Senator Jones have some of my time. And if there is more necessary, I'll let him use his own, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I guess I'm thankful that we're even trying this because I've been a telling them no all the time, that we won't have no more money. We do have, like Senator Wehrbein said, \$121,000 there, and I'll just give you a little idea of what's happening out there right now. Dawson County has got 44,000 acres in one block that they've got a contract for down at the Department of Agriculture right now, and Custer County has 28,000 acres, northwest part of the county, with a contract already, and they're working on 80,000 acres, which includes my ranch southeast of Broken Bow, and there is...I had a phone call today noon saying there is another 3,000 acres but there won't be no money for it. But every one of these contracts, the 44,000 acres, the 28,000 acres, and 80,000 acres, every one of them ranchers in that acres has already wrote a check for \$1.25 an acre and put it in escrow in the bank, and then the \$121,000 is supposed to match it one-third, and then the federal government's \$750,000 is supposed to match it one-third. Well, the way it is right now, the \$121,000 will just do 100,000 acres, and we're way past that now, and the grasshoppers are just hatching out, you might say, right now, and they are supposed to have another hatch soon. What we're in, in negotiation right now is trying to figure out if we can get a contractor to spray, and the least that he can spray for the more acres we can cover. They are going to fly high over it. Going to cover a 200-foot swath and do it in strips. In other words, if you do a section of 640 acres, you're actually only covering 320, but you still pay for the 640 acres. But I've been on a conference call every Monday morning for the last three weeks trying to get a handle on this, and we've got a lot of farmers and ranchers out there that it's really helping them a lot. Steve Johnson from the Department of Ag down here and Merlyn Carlson has been working real diligently trying to figure out how we can get ahead of them because all we have to do is have about one month of warm weather and no rain and they will just take the grass for sure because there is