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enough of them there. We are counting up as high as 25 to 30 per square yard. Now you wonder how they do that. They throw a net down that's three foot square and that's how they count them, whatever is inside of that. And I was surprised. I thought we'd, with the winter, we'd get past them, but that's not the case. We've got a lot of them out there, so we need to do all we can to try to get ahead of them, and now is the time to do it. They hope to be able to be in the air flying by tomorrow on some of these first contracts that they've got out. In northwest Custer County, they're hoping to be flying tomorrow. But we've got to get bids from the spray pilots to try to get enough money to do that. And we're trying to negotiate that down so that they will cover a lot more acres. That gives you an "overpicture" of what the problem is right now, and I hope that we can move this forward. I didn't have no hopes of getting any money to do this because I just been a telling them no all the time because I knew the budget was short. But the \$121,000, I don't know if you remember or not, but when we had the special session last July and August, we appropriated this \$121,000, but by the time we got the money in the hands of the Department of Agriculture, nobody wanted to spray because it was too late in the year then to save any crops. So that money has been laying there, and it does have to be spent by June 15. So everybody is trying to get around to do it, and this will just give us a little additional money that we can continue to bring up the third of it. Because anybody that sprays and we don't have the money here, well, he has to pay two-thirds and the federal government one-third. So this will help out to do that. So I hope you'd support this and bringing it back to do this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator McDonald, on the motion to return LB 285A.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I thank Senator Jones for bringing this amendment to the floor. I've been involved in the conference calls in the last couple of weeks also. My area is not quite as bad as Senator Jones', but it appears that I have two or three counties that are possibly going to have to be sprayed also. We're still rallying from the devastation of the grasshoppers last year. And I think if we