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the types of spray and the herbicides that we do have, so I don't think it's a major problem anymore. Yes, some people maybe see it of value that they can call somebody and say, hey, we've got some thistles out growing in some...some property that hasn't been developed yet because the property owner has bought this property and does not control the weeds. Yes, there's some value to that, but it's really...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...the responsibility of the property owner to take care of these weeds on their own. So these are some of the comments that I wanted to bring, and I'm not, you know, in support of even continuing with the noxious weed authority or anything like this. Thank you. Return the balance of my time to the Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Stuthman, your remarks are very interesting. I'll leave it to people who know better whether this is a worthwhile program to support or not. What I wanted to talk about a little bit was subsection (2) on page 7, which says that "The director shall apply for, jointly with other state, local, and private organizations that have an interest in noxious weed and invasive plant management," shall apply for a grant of at least \$250,000 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. On the one hand, I want...I want to praise the methodology, basically, that they are taking here in the sense that they're putting themselves into the Environmental Trust competitive grant program. And if they want to compete for funds, given the priorities of the trust, that should be their prerogative to do so. Senator, I would question just a little bit whether you should have the director of Agriculture doing the applying. It should maybe be done through...the application maybe should be done through political subdivisions or private entities with the director or the department as a partner of some sort, just as a matter of the way the trust thinks about things, from what I know. So I wanted to ask you ultimately about whether that provision is