

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 12, 2005 LB 673

assessment on the property to pay for the work that they've done on that property. Same way as your noxious weed bill; if they come on your land to spray your noxious weeds, you know, if you're...it's up to the landowner to control them and so you have...if you don't do it, then the county can do it and send you the bill for it.

SENATOR HOWARD: And the folks in your area are agreeable to that, that plan, that payment plan?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Pardon?

SENATOR HOWARD: The individuals that live in your county understand and are agreeable to that type payment plan?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I suppose those that comply all the time and want to do something about management probably are. It's no different than, getting back again to the noxious weeds, if they don't want to comply, then something has to be done so you have to leave it up to someone to do it. The county will be reimbursed for whatever they do, so it doesn't matter whether the county has the money or not, they will be reimbursed for what they do. Now the next thing is, how many...which counties are you talking about? If the county doesn't implement this management plan, they don't...they're not responsible to do anything. The county board has to implement this plan in order to be responsible for any of it. If they don't feel like they can afford the responsibility, then they just don't implement the plan. And all they have to do is implement it by resolution.

SENATOR HOWARD: So they would be able to opt out or choose not to participate.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, they wouldn't have to opt out. They actually have to opt in.

SENATOR HOWARD: Okay. Well, thank you so much for that clarification. I appreciate that, and I would be happy to grant the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers.