

this amendment would apply too, because once that thistle takes over a prairie pasture, there is no more pasture left. I realize that the weed districts are formed, and they have certain responsibilities. We must give them the tools necessary for the complete eradication of this weed in the state because it is such a vicious and terrible weed that it does take over the pastures.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, I'm the city boy who personally witnessed what this weed is doing and I was out on Senator Rasmussen's this last fall and it is unbelievable out there how this weed has taken over those pastures. I am in whole hearted agreement that you never hear me get up on this floor and ask for money but this is one of the areas where they are in dire need of it. Believe you me it is going to take over that whole country out there. We give money to the NRD'S and some for beans and we give money for soil surveys lets give a little money where it is really meaningful. This is a highly important bill and it means a lot in the area where Senator Rasmussen comes from. I wish you had the opportunity to see what this weed is doing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark then Senator Kime.

SENATOR CLARK: I think that someone is getting the whole thing confused here where a...a...with musk thistle and Canadian Thistle. I would hate to have them do that and what they really ought to do is check with the department of agriculture. Which I did, four or five days ago. Now we put \$50,000 in two years ago and that was at the insistence of George Gerdes, because the Canadian Thistle and the musk thistle are real problems. However they have only spend about \$4,000 of that money. Evidentially people don't know how to get a hold of the money. I had to look into this for Gene Gerdes who has a real problem up there. This is a third, third, and a third. The third county, the third, state, and the third owner. They have to declare it as such. Now if they declare that they do have the problem up there all they have to do is apply to the department of agriculture. They can get this money. If the owner won't do anything about it then the county can do the whole job whether it is 100 acres, or 300 acres it becomes a lien against the land. If the man won't pay his third against a...a...won't pay his third it becomes a lien against his land also. But the money is there now, and this has nothing to do with musk thistle.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime, Keyes, Mahoney.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, a question of Senator Clark. Just how much mondy do you have appropriated for the erradication of this thistle?

SENATOR CLARK: \$50,000 appropriated and they tell me that they have used \$4,000 of it.

SENATOR KIME: The rest is available?

SENATOR CLARK: The rest is available down at the department of agriculture. The weed control district has to apply for this.