

we are going to be short of enough chemicals this year. We have been notified that we can expect less than 80% of what we had last year, and in most cases you can not kill a weed with 80% of what you normally use. If you do this you don't get control and you wind up having to reapply it and using double the amount. So there is a very definite need and to research into this area. As has been pointed out by Senator Rasmussen and Senator Kime that if this weed takes over the sandhills and I have seen sections that you couldn't ride a horse through because of this weed. We spend a lot of money down here but we are going to find costs like you haven't seen before and then you are going to find costs that are not necessarily the responsibility of the land owner. These weed seeds have been found as high as 30,000 feet in the air, they will travel for hundreds of miles and one plant will put out 30,000 seeds and can seed down an entire section of land. So Senator Rasmussen has a good amendment here, a it is needed. We have talked too long on it I think that we should adopt the amendment and proceed with the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I favor the Rasmussen amendment however, we are not going to get very much progress until we get some law enforcement. I spend from \$2,000-\$3,000 a year spraying for musk thistles, it does a very effective job by aerial spray and by other spraying methods. But, I have a neighbor across the road who has one of those quarters that you can't hardly ride through with a horse. Why should I have to control my weeds when they don't? This is a problem. We need law enforcement. I hope that these weed supervisors out in the state are listening and I hope that some of my neighbors are listening. We must get rid of these weeds. If we don't if everyone don't cooperate and put teeth into the law, all the research in the world is not going to do it. I do favor the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen, do you care to close on a your amendment. Senator Rasmussen is now closing.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, we do have weed laws, and like myself and Senator Nore, I think that Senator Schmit has explained it real well, we could be spraying here until we die, and we are still going to have them and that is why I am asking for the start of the research program.

PRESIDENT: Do you have...if you favor the Rasmussen amendment vote aye, if not vote no. Voting on the Rasmussen amendment to LB1054 on General File. Voting on the Rasmussen amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay and 21 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. What other amendments do we have to the bill?

CLERK: Amendment number four. Read amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: What is your pleasure regarding the amendment?