

So I do not think we need the Fowler amendment. I think it would unnecessarily handicap the department and I would regretfully have to ask you to vote against it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly. Senator Fowler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, I guess I would pick up with Senator Schmit's comments. He indicates that we should provide the flexibility to the department that they need. That is exactly the intent of my amendment, to provide flexibility, to provide flexibility to the Legislature and to provide flexibility to the Department of Agriculture. Now if my amendment is adopted, if this Legislature does not fund the program at the level that some people think it should be funded at, then Senator Schmit has laid out the choice, the only choice the Department of Agriculture has and that is to spray fewer acres. There is no guarantee of the appropriation and the Department of Agriculture cannot promise any rancher, any certain amount as far as the amount of acres until the appropriation is decided. Now I think that perhaps you would want the flexibility in the Department of Agriculture, that if we do not fully fund the program at their request, and I am sure you know that very few agencies get their full request and I think that this program, although deserving, does not deserve any more special treatment than others, I would think that you would want the department, if they did not get their full request, have the flexibility to ask the farmer to put in 5% more, 10% more so that more acres can be sprayed. Without my amendment there is not that flexibility. I think it is important we allow that. This bill has no sunset clause on it. This bill is forever. We are not passing this legislation just for March of 1980. It is perpetual and I think that it is far too rigid and that if the appropriations are not provided to force the department to limit the number of acres, is not giving them with the power they need to meet the problem. I would move for the adoption of the amendment. I would also, since it is probably inevitable anyway, ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: A Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of placing the House under Call vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats, record your presence and prepare for a roll call vote. Please record your presence.