

SENATOR VICKERS: I'm sorry, Senator Warner, I wasn't...(interruption).

SENATOR WARNER: If Section 7 that authorizes the withholding of funds, if that section was stricken, would that make your whole amendment inoperable, as a practical matter?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, it would.

SENATOR WARNER: Were there other...I assume you looked at other options and couldn't...this one was the one that you selected, or was this the only one that you really could think of?

SENATOR VICKERS: It is the only one that I can think of. If you can think of another way to...and I...Senator Warner, it is not my intention, I don't think that following any hearings that there will be any withholding of highway funds for one or two musk thistles. I think it would have to be a pretty flagrant violation of the weed control authorities...authority, but, no, if I could think of another way to do it, I would, but I haven't been able to think of one.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I guess I have...personally, I have strong reservations about it conceptually, it is irregardless of what funds that are used for withholding, but I don't really think I want to support an amendment to establish that policy. I assume it will mushroom and we will have frequent legislation which would have similar procedures. And it wouldn't be quite so bad probably where it was a very objective decision, but I would imagine adequate control can become very subjective.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: And I would have reservations about the effectiveness or the administrative costs and the difficulties that that approach could use. So I have a lot of sympathy for the problem that Senator Vickers is trying to address, but I have a lot of reservations that this sort of a sanction is a good policy to start and have it expand.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, please.