

can't expect Butler County to report themselves for having violated the noxious weed law that when in so doing they are going to lose state funds. At the same time, I am sure the Director of Agriculture is very limited as to the individuals he has available for inspection. I have to say, however, of course, that inspection is not really a serious problem. Driving or flying across the State of Nebraska, he can observe thistles very readily. As Senator Warner said, there is going to be one get away in every county. I guess if you talk about due process, there are times when we do in here, is it any more serious a violation for Butler County to have several thousand acres of thistles than it is for Saunders County to have ten acres or one acre? And does one acre constitute a violation just as does a hundred or a thousand or ten thousand? I think those are questions we ought to ask ourselves and address before we proceed to voting on this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: With no other speakers, Senator...oh, Senator Hannibal just came on. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I come onto this discussion quite late. I have had a chance to talk with Senator Vickers and Senator Johnson just to get a little bit of feel for what is really happening here and I apologize for not being more involved earlier. But it appears to me that we...the people on the floor here are not as cognizant of what Senator Vickers is proposing by his amendment and if I could ask Senator Vickers if he would yield to a question.

SENATOR VICKERS: Certainly.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Vickers, as I understand your amendment, you are going to allow the Director of Agriculture, upon completion of a hearing, make a determination as to whether an entity, and I would assume we are talking about counties now, that...assume that that Director can make a determination that that county is in noncompliance of the noxious weed law and as such has the power to withhold any or all of the state highway funds that would be going towards that county?

SENATOR VICKERS: It says state high...it would be the monthly allocation of the highway funds for that county from the Highway Trust Fund, as I understand it.