

2,4-D ester is about 10 percent of his business. Most of them don't like to use it during the growing season because of the liability factor to neighboring crops like fruit trees, vegetables and soybeans. Two,4-D is available in the amine form. This chemical form is not volatile and doesn't drift as bad. I have no problem with this amine form and I use it myself and don't want to restrict it in any way. I am including only ester type of 2,4-D in my amendment and I want to make that very clear. It is just only the ester type. This amendment would put a restricted use on this chemical from April 15th through October 15th, our main growing season. During the rest of the year 2,4-D ester would be used with no restrictions. For those cases where ester 2,4-D is required during the ban period, a special permit, use permit, could be issued at a local level for that specific purpose. In other words, you would go to your local county weed board or in some cases your county commissioners where they handle the weed problems and get this special permit and you would have to follow some guidelines with that permit. There would be a penalty of a Class IV misdemeanor for violations of the ban. The county attorney would impose a penalty requested by the local authority. The State Department of Agriculture would draw up the rules and regs resulting in minimal fiscal impact. The rest of the control and administration would be at the county level. I want to emphasize, I am offering a restriction on the use of 2,4-D ester, not the sale, and only on the ester types, not the amine types. With this, I hope you accept this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak on the Sieck amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, when Senator Sieck first spoke to me about this I said, no way, Senator Sieck, will I ever acquiesce in any way to that kind of a proposal. I would have to say this, that he has raised a number of points which are of interest to many of you on this floor. I would like to just say that I have had a little experience with the use of 2,4-D, both hi vol and low vol ester chemicals. I want to say they were very effective and I want to say also that there is a need for some of those chemicals, certainly in certain areas. I would suggest that some of our most troublesome weeds, such as the musk thistle, is a very difficult weed to control without perhaps the use of the ester. Now, Senator Sieck has attempted to address that problem by the use of a special permit. I would like to say that there might be a little problem there. For example, if I were to secure a permit to spray the south half of