

public hearing. I am kind enough, however, I mention this to Senator Sieck, to not ask for a germaneness ruling because it is probably a good thing that we don't look at our germaneness rule. There are times in this body when things are germane and when things aren't. But one of the questions that I would raise, a couple of questions, and one of them is that we may, if we are not careful with Senator Sieck's amendment, create a worse scenario than we have now. And by that I mean, as I read his amendment, it says that the special use permit, if granted, shall specify the time, location and dates when the use of 2,4-D ester is allowed. Now, I think it would be a little difficult, unless you have different weather in this part of the state than we have out where I live, to specify a time certain, even a day or two ahead, when you had ought to go out and spray for 2,4-D in order to, I suppose the purpose is to cut down on the drift problems or to understand the nature of the danger that could occur with the use of this product. What happens if that special use permit is granted for a time certain, a date certain, a week in advance and then the individual gets up that morning and the wind is blowing 40 miles an hour from the wrong direction? Well, if it costs very much or he has to jump through very much of a hoop to get the permit, he may decide to go out and spray anyhow. He could cause a lot more problem than there would have been otherwise. So I would raise that caution. Secondly, I, too, am concerned as Senator Schmit raised the question about the use of this product on the noxious weeds, namely musk thistle, and I guess I would raise the question of whether or not it would be appropriate to ask Senator Lamb to get a permit to spray musk thistle out in the middle of a thousand acres of grass where there were no other neighbors close by anyhow. I am not sure that that is the intent that Senator Lamb is trying to get to. I think we are trying to paint a narrow problem with too broad a brush, it seems to me, and I have some concern about us attempting to do that. The April 15th date in terms of moving it up, as Senator Harold Sieck said he wanted to move it up so we sprayed our musk thistle sooner, I can recall when we couldn't see the musk thistle for the snow yet at that time of the year. It would be a little difficult to go out and spray your musk thistle when you were still trying to pull calves out from under the snow. I don't know, maybe we are just always slower than everybody else but we a lot of times don't find our musk thistle till up into May and we are later out there but they are not a lot of times blooming yet by then. So I think we have got a real problem with this and perhaps in the last four days of the session we might be doing some things that we think are doing some things