

anced to the tune, when we have adopted all of the amendments, if you think you resolved anything, you really haven't done so anyway because you're going to have to do exactly what Senator Chambers says, to come back and raise that income tax anyway. If you adopt these amendments one by one by one, you're stepping one step by step right toward that eventful day when you're going to have to come back and recognize you haven't solved the problem. And if you think then, when you raise that income tax 1 percent you have solved the problem, let me warn you that on January, on January you reap the whirlwind because you're going to really need the bucks then because we really haven't solved any problems. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Goll.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment before you, just so you have a little bit of history, the Department of Agriculture came to the Agriculture Committee, and I think that Senator Johnson pointed this out to you, but let me say it again, and said that we don't have the tools. As Senator Warner pointed out, they don't have the tools to really carry on their responsibilities that we have given them under the statutes to enforce the noxious weed laws. So, therefore, they told the Agriculture Committee last session, we want this bill that simply takes us out of the business. We have no oversight at all over noxious weeds. The Agriculture Committee looked at that issue and said, you know, we really don't think that we want to turn the total responsibility over to each individual county. Now let me point out to you, I am one of those people, if there is one thing in this...that God created that I hate more than the musk thistle, I don't know what it is and I live next to a county line and it just happens that the county line that I live next to is north of where we live. Now the prevailing winds are from the north an awfully lot of the time. Now if this county just to the north of me decides they really don't want to do anything as far as enforcing noxious weed laws, unless we have some mechanism at the state level to force that requirement, what am I to do? I can't vote for the county commissioners in that county. I can't...don't have any effect at all on their weed control operations and yet, if anybody believes that noxious weed seeds don't blow with the wind, you don't know a whole lot about musk thistle. Yet they can overrun me. So we decided as a committee, you know, rather than taking