

SENATOR VICKERS: Which part are we on then right now?

SPEAKER NICHOL: We're on the first part and that is the \$24,000 noxious weeds.

SENATOR GOLL: That, Mr. Speaker, is what I wanted to address very briefly and I didn't want to...I don't want to be redundant because Senator Vickers has explained it almost, as far as I am concerned, perfectly. I wanted to give you merely in a matter of only a few seconds, the rationale of the Appropriations Committee in putting this small petty cash item out of the budget. The Noxious Weed Program by the Department of Agriculture, at this point in time, is strictly a supervisory situation. As Senator Johnson has said, if in fact we are to put a hammer on this program, we need to come back in January and install that program at approximately a \$70,000 budget item because that is what the Department of Agriculture is going to need. For the time and for this budget year, this \$24,000 will affect only the '85-86 budget. It is money that they don't need and so that's why we eliminated it from the budget. I hope that clears it up. We're not necessarily saying, the Appropriations Committee is not necessarily saying that the program is good or bad. We're saying that this is \$24,000 that they say they don't need during this budget year. If, in fact, we think the program is good, the Department of Agriculture needs more authority, they need more money and that's an issue we must address during the regular session in '86. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, did you wish to speak about the \$24,000 noxious weed section?

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, I want to speak on the other one.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, we will call on you later then. Senator Nelson, did you wish to speak on the noxious weed situation?

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, have to rise in support. It is embarrassing to me as an urban Senator, and so on, but I know there are problems that people that have agricultural or agricultural knowledge are going to have to ask for help from the urban Senators and I hope in all cases