

I can support the urban Senators, but when it comes to the noxious weed, I know we can't stand up here and each beg for 30,000 off here and 35 there and 40 there and ever get anything accomplished on the floor. Basically, I agree with Senator Schmit but they have to have some club on this noxious weed. I would think that Senator Rogers up there, particularly in his country, and I am not running his country down, but, boy, it is really purple up there and it is a serious situation. You can go to the football game down here and you can find musk thistles going right up to the stadium. You can't even believe it, and I think to cut that fund out, the next thing the funding in conjunction with the University and the \$50,000. If there is any a time, right now that is a small thing that our state can do. They ask us what is the Nebraska Legislature doing to help the financial crisis and I usually say we don't have the money to do it. Our Constitution doesn't allow it but, again, this is one fund that is definitely needed and in conjunction with the University, and I will sign off real quick on that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You were the last one anyway but thank you, Senator Haberman. Now the question is...Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to close or Senator Vickers?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess I will speak in general on both of the issues but I will try and keep my comments reserved to the noxious weed program, since that is the question we have before us at this particular point. As I said in my opening, a lot of the Senators I think that are sitting in this body come from rural areas of our state. I am probably taking the more conservative approach and that is to try and cut the budget back as much as we can, and I am sure we will all go back home and we will tell our constituents we cut the budgets and we did what we could to hold down spending during these hard economic times. But I have to tell you that, and I am very sincere in saying this, that we are going to give up a heck of a lot to make those cuts, and there are going to be an awful lot of cuts, not just in the Department of Agriculture's budget, that are going to impact agriculture. There is a good chance you are going to lose your