

statutes, particularly in the area of noxious weed control and this refers to weeds, and I have driven through all of our cities over the years and have observed total lack of enforcement of the noxious weed laws particularly musk thistles even to the point that we see them on the lawn of the State Capitol in the spring. And I was concerned I guess that this might be used in a nonuniform manner and then, secondly, because I have your attention, I'd like to refer to page 5 of the bill where it refers to the draining of wetlands and I wonder how that language coincides with the language that prohibits the draining of wetlands under federal law and, third, then, of course, only yesterday Senator Labeledz showed me a letter she had received which referred to an individual who was collecting fill for a low area in the City of Omaha and it was being referred to by the constituent as a dump, and apparently all it needs is a local permit to allow that to happen. Does your bill and your amendment address any of those issues?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The amendment doesn't, Senator, but the bill like any other law doesn't address unequal enforcement by the city officials out there. Same as any other law on the books, speeding, DWI, we have to trust our officials, our city officials, our law enforcement officers to enforce the laws justly. As far as the wetlands go, it doesn't really refer to wetlands, it refers to stagnant water but it's...my intent would be that the federal law would prevail there.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. I just want to point out again that we have a number of statutes on the books today relative to the type of activity which Senator Morrissey is trying to correct. In the vast majority of instances those statutes are ignored and are not enforced and I understand the problem Senator Morrissey is trying to correct and I sympathize with him but I would expect, Senator Morrissey, that a year or two from now we still will not have resolved the problem and I do think that we need to take a look at the language on page 5 of the bill relative to wetlands when we discuss the bill. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Is there anyone else here wishing to discuss the Morrissey amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Morrissey, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. Quickly, to close, again, the amendment is simply eliminating grain and cobs