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have that protection in the bill.

SENATOR MARESH: OK. Thank you. I will have to speak against the bill because the farmers in my area are real concerned about the coons multiplying as fast as they do and causing problems, tearing up buildings and I cannot support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, first to explain one thing that when you were talking about the pelt, and I think Senator Wiltse was correct. After all a trapping license, if you have a lot of these pelts, that you are going to shoot on your farm, it is worthwhile at the present price of furs for you to get, I think it is a \$2.50 trapping license and sell all the furs you want. In fact, what's brought this bill on, more or less, is the fact the price of furs these days is better than it used to be and there is more people out after these animals. I might say to Senator Maresch that I am rather surprised that he opposes this bill because the hotbed of the raccoon hunting used to be around Crete and we used to be, when I was in the Legislature, in earlier times, they had a big raccoon feed down there and they invited the whole Legislature and we would go down there, most all of us, and we would have a very good dinner with potatoes and so forth and all the trimmings and it was quite an affair and they haven't had them lately. They may...but they haven't invited us, I will put it that way, if they have had them and that's unfortunate. I am putting in a plug for the future, if you still have them, but Senator Vosoba down there was quite concerned when we had this raccoon bill up here several years ago and, as I recall, maybe my memory is faulty, but he wanted to keep them protected at the time so that the Game Commission would have some power of regulating the take and that's what Senator Wiltse's bill does and so I am kind of surprised that Senator Maresch from the same area, representing the same district, has taken a complete different attitude than Senator Vosoba did, as I recall, and, of course, maybe times have changed but I think that I would be very interested, Senator, of you explaining the change in feeling.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, yes, I would like to respond to Senator Syas. The times have changed. The raccoon has really multiplied and they have caused a lot of problems since that time, I will admit that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, I would ask if Senator Wiltse would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wiltse, would you respond to a question of Senator Swigart.

SENATOR WILTSE: Might I ask...I am sorry. I was not listening.

SENATOR SWIGART: May I ask you a question.

SENATOR WILTSE: Yes sir.

SENATOR SWIGART: Senator Wiltse, would this allow the Game Commission to set the length of time for the season and could that season be as long as they choose, even six months?

SENATOR WILTSE: I think that is true, the same as we have of other seasons for various animals. They have the control of that.