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\$60,000 to do with whatever they want to. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want to pursue your amendment or have you had adequate discussion?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, my concern, if I might just ask a couple of questions. I am certainly not disposed against any of the programs we are talking about but throw \$155,000 or \$160,000 on it. Are we hiring additional people? Are they to work in all areas of the state? What's their function? What are they suppose to be doing? Are they going to be direct line people on the eradication program? What...are they controlling devices for it now? It would be unusual to me that we would start in and we would throw an extra \$100,000 over last year for a program which is four times more than we paid last year unless we have a plan in mind, what we are going to do. Is this really going to benefit the rancher and the farmer. Are these fellows actually going to be involved in eradication or are they going to be writing books back somewhere in the Department or giving out little flyers on how to do it and I would like those questions answered.

SENATOR STULL: Well, I think some of the people were visiting with you when I was talking about it. We will have a statewide program. I understand that they will bring in a plane. They are going to bring in some additional pickups and it will be a statewide program. We do have this in some of the counties now but what we need is a statewide program to make it effective.

PRESIDENT: Well, all right. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: And I am not trying to be hardnosed about it either. What you have planned and I suppose the Department of Agriculture submitted you a budget to do this with. They delineated the services to be available to all counties, is that correct?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Lewis, the Department of Agriculture didn't talk to me, personally, when we had the people before the Committee. They mentioned what it would take to get the statewide program and I made this motion on my own when we came to this part of the budget. I thought that by adding another \$60,000 of state general fund money, we could go to a statewide program and have an effective program for predator control.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: And this is going to be used in Sarpy County?

SENATOR STULL: Yes, sir. If you have a problem there..

SENATOR F. LEWIS: In Cass County.

SENATOR STULL: Yes, sir. It will be statewide.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: OK. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment.