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added to the \$60,000 then?

SENATOR STULL: It was my understanding it would be something like \$400,000, is what they said in the Committee, additional money, federal money.

SENATOR DICKINSON: That will not come without the additional \$60,000.

SENATOR STULL: That is my understanding.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, colleagues, for Senator Keyes information, wherever there is a large city such as Omaha and I suppose Lincoln, they have a Health Department and a Humane Society. Those two departments are in complete control of all animals. Therefore, we don't have to worry about this being an additional burden for the big cities. In other words, your rat problem that you mentioned would not be a factor because the Health Departments are, at this time, in complete charge of rat eradication. This for your information and I rise to support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Stull, if he would yield.

SENATOR STULL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Stull, it would appear to me that if we were going to be effective in the control of predators, that rightfully this would be at a county level where they know the problem better and are better able to cope with it. The question now, why don't we allow them this type of money to deal with the problems?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Koch...

SENATOR KOCH: They all have Extension Agents, don't they?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Koch, at one time the counties participated in this but it takes some highly skilled people to make a program like this work and I know when I was on the county board we contracted with the federal service, and at that time, we had available to us other poisons that we don't have now and we had a fairly effective program. Now you know, through the years, environmentalist have got some of these poisons eliminated from use and these people that will come in are highly trained people and they will probably supervise this program. They will probably take some local people in to help but we really need this expertise from the federal people to get this job done.

SENATOR KOCH: One last question. Is it true that the NRD's deal with this same subject on occasion? I understand the NRD's are involved in this, too.