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consent to bracket this bill. I think maybe the sunshine people can use it.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. LB 455. Senator Anderson, are you prepared to debate this matter or were you going to bracket? Rather than the Clerk going through that trouble, would you make your motion, please?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, I just ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 455.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection. Seeing none, it is so ordered. LB 272, whose bill is this?

CLERK: It is Senator Swigart's, Mr. President, but Senator Fowler asked to bracket the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right. Do you want to ask it now? Is there an objection to Senator Fowler's request to bracket this bill. Seeing none, it is so ordered. LB 343.

CLERK: Senator Kremer. LB 343, Senator Kremer.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to bracket this or do you want this to be taken up, Senator? Do you want to take this up, Senator? All right, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 343 introduced by Senator Kremer of the 34th District. Read title. There are Committee amendments by Senator Syas' Constitutional Revision Committee.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, it has been a year, but as I remember this amendment, and I think maybe Senator Kremer can correct me, this was in the Committee, and maybe some of the other Committee members will remember better than I, but it seems to me that the way the bill was originally meant that a farmer couldn't protect himself from these things on his own land, these various animals, and it has always been accepted that a farmer could protect his chickens and livestock and things on his own land from predators and I think this here makes legal what has been going on as legal for a long time, isn't that right, Senator Kremer? Therefore, as I recall it, I move adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Just to add a word to what Senator Syas just said. It is an amendment put on the bill by the Committee which would allow the owner or the manager of a piece of property to protect his livestock or whatever it may be against so-called predators, such as, the prairie dog, coyotes, whatnot, without a permit. The bill itself, and I will say this at this point, the bill itself provides that anyone that hunts anyplace except on his own land does have to have a permit, but the Committee amendment provides that a farmer or rancher can protect his property from predators such as prairie dogs and so on without a permit, and I support the amendment.