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\$11,000, or whatever it may be, would at least go part way in doing what we ought to do today as we demand more and more recreational facilities. Today the farmer and the rancher is providing these. He's glad, in most cases, to do this. I think we ought to do somethings to give some sense of responsibility to those that want to hunt on our farms and our ranches. I think this bill will go a long, long ways toward doing that. I oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. We have done this before. It is time that we, as Senators, do assume some responsibility in passing legislation of this nature.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm sitting here with interest, listening to the hunter, Senator Syas, and to the people that are trying to defend themselves from the rural areas. I think it's time some of the city Senators paid attention to what some of our rural friends want. I think that the idea of killing the bill sounds the best to me at this time. We are regulating people to the place where they can't get up in the morning. Here's another case where we're going to start regulating more people in the rural areas on their own land, which I think sounds sort of bad. I would think that there would be enough support in here that if the hunters in this state, and the game people, want money and more money to develop lands and to create revenue that they would go to the Appropriations Committee and ask for it there. Then have Senator Syas and Senator Kremer, who I know are sincere in this effort, stand up and try to support it there. That's the place where it should be supported. I would hope that some of the urban Senators could look this over a little bit. It sounds to me like there is concern among the rural people. I think we should honor some of that, especially with this idea of them not being able to do anything on their own land without getting a permit. I think it's a bad bill at this time. I'd support the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I also support the kill motion. I think there's some area of misunderstanding, perhaps Senator Kremer. I respect his sincerity in wanting this bill. There's direct contradiction between what's on the amendment in the bill book and what Mr. Bailey, who is supposed to be our expert, is quoting in a letter to you, Senator Kremer. In any case, even if what you're saying is right and I would suspect it is, Traditionally, our urban friends say farmers don't have anything to do in the wintertime in Nebraska so they get together. I might call my neighbor and say "Let's go hunting coyotes, or coons or rats this afternoon". So we both go to his farm and then we come to my farm. In that case we would both have to have a permit. So it just seems to me like it's tightening down ... tightening it down way too tight in regard to Senator Barnett, you might like to hunt. I've got a lot of pigeons around our little feed lot, I'll guarantee you that. I might say "Some Sunday after-