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shooting at, but I say, and there is no law against shooting a rifle out of a car window going down a road. And I surely think that a crow doesn't need to be a game bird and we don't need to open it up to legalize this type of thing and this is exactly what would happen and for this reason in all seriousness I think crows should be stricken from this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Dickinson's motion is before the body. Senator Anderson, do you wish to be heard on the amendment? Speaking on Senator Dickinson's amendment to strike crow.

SENATOR ANDERSON: The--the purpose of the committee amendment is simply to allow for sports shooting of crows in the State of Nebraska and so I think this is basically the question. I really have no feeling one way or another. I haven't shot a crow for years and really have no desire to but I think perhaps a lot of you do know people who have engaged in sports shooting of crows and do feel that this is a legitimate sport. And so this is the purpose for having the amendment in here. I think the problem that Senator Dickinson is attempting to get at is quite another problem and this is the problem of hunter ethics, the problem of the so-called slob hunter, the guy who comes out and out of total disrespect for the rights of the farmers and everybody else shoots everything in sight. Taking, beating down the committee amendment now in regard to crow really would not solve the problem which he is attempting to get at. That too is reprehensible but I don't think this is the answer.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the Dickinson amendment? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I want to oppose it but I want to have it read exactly so I catch it.

PRESIDENT: Just to strike the word crow.

SENATOR SYAS: Crow what? So you can't hunt them?

PRESIDENT: Yes. Wait, Senator Dickinson.

CLERK: Strike the word crow out of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, strike the word crow out of the committee amendment.

SENATOR SYAS: That has the affect of doing what? You couldn't hunt the crow?

CLERK: You'd be back to where you were now.

SENATOR SYAS: I, okay, just a minute, I want to--I don't care what you do about this, I really don't. If you want to go against the treaty signed by Congress with Mexico, go ahead and do what he wants you to do. Here it is, prior to March 10, 1972 there were no federal regulations controlling the taking of crows. All regulations in affect at that time were solely those of individual states. Most states had no regulations and crows could be hunted at any time in just about any way. On March 10, 1972 however the United States and Mexico pursuant to terms of Article 4 of the convention between the United States and Mexico for the protection of migratory birds and game animals added 32 families of birds to that protected list. The common crow was the number one of these families and it goes on and on. Now if you want to go against a treaty between your government and Mexico, adopt Senator Dickinson's amendment. But the affect of it will be that you won't be able to hunt a crow at all. If you adopt the bill, the Game