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jackrabbits about overrun the country and thats at schnole where-
 er that is. I know about where it is but I guess it is a real
 wee, wee town. (Ha, Ha) If you are going over 20 mphs according to
 what you say, you wouldn't see it. But anyhow he said the jackrabbits
 got so bac that the ranchers and farmers had to go to an extinsive
 poisioning situation to kill off the jackrabbits, so that particular
 time. And I am talking in past history I admit. That the all I
 have ever maintained about the coyote is that he is both good and bad.
 He serves the purpose as a predator on rodents but also he may get
 some turkeys and some young calves at times. All I am trying to show
 that he isn't all bad or all good, and I suppose you could carry
 that into human beings. None of us are all good that is for sure,
 and some of us are not all bad, that is for sure. But concerning
 hunting from the road. Senator Rasmussen I see, I can't see why
 if you can shoot a coyote from the road with a rifle which carrys
 along ways, as a matter of fact I received a letter this morning from
 a farmer that the shooting of coyotes from the road one of the
 slugs, or whatever you want to call it, went through the wall just
 missed his wife and stuck in the other side of the house. He was
 against hunting coyotes from the road because of the high powered
 rifles. Now I can't see how you Senator Rasmussen can justify one
 one thing. I am not going to stand in the way of your hunting
 coyotes, but how can you justify not hunting a pheasant or quail
 or rabbit from the road when a shotgun doesn't carry near as far as
 a matter of fact its range is very limited. The danger of or be-
 tween a shotgun and a rifle the shotgun is a whole lot less dangerous,
 yet you sit in this floor this morning that you didn't believe in
 that type of hunting but you do believe in the high powered rifle.
 I don't see where there you are consistant on your answers. I
 would like to have you go in a little bit further on that with me.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen do you care to respond?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Syas I know you are a hunter because
 you have told me so. But you know and I know that if this would have
 been opened up to shooting game birds from the roadway that we would
 probaly, I don't know where you would have held the hearing. There
 probably would have been as many against it as for it. This was
 specific and as far as bullets going through buildings. I don't
 care if we pass this law or have no law there is no way anybody on
 this floor can stop irresponsible people from being what they are.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Frank Lewis then Whitney,
 Wiltse, Karda and Dickinson.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I don't know much about hunting
 but two or three people have approached me on the floor and I would
 like to ask Senator Rasmussen a question. Is there any way that this
 bill could be ammended to include the shooting of doves from the road?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: As a good friend Senator Lewis in your position
 of running for office I would suggest that you leave.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I just want to respond to what
 Senator Syas said, with reference to coyotes and jackrabbits.
 At the moment we don't have enough jackrabbits as a consequence
 the coyotes are awful bad. There is no good about them anymore.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wiltse.

SENATOR WILTSE: I would like to have someone who knows something
 about the good coyote, because so far as my area is concerned we
 have many, many coyotes that are highly destructive of farm products
 in the form of calves, sheep, pigs and chickens. I was called out
 of bed three nights successfully to try and support this bill and I
 don't appreciate being called out to protect coyotes. In response
 to Senator Mahoney's request or inquiry I think that we have covered
 what he wants in Bill LB779 which will come out at a later period
 of time and will have a chance to ammend if necessary at that time to
 take care of his desires.