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SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, I have heard of it Senator Mahoney. I believe that we wouldn't be fair at all to the people that we informed on this bill. That would be drastically changing it to hunt pheasants and, etc., from the road, and I sincerely feel that the people that would be against it would be entitled to voice their opposition at a hearing.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well that is true.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Rather than an ammended.

SENATOR MAHONEY: You will have a great opportunity as it comes along. I just thought that there was another bill and ofcourse my opinion has been Senator Rasmussen, was that if the particular rifle is being used in the coyote hunting which comes from a public road. I couldn't see where a shotgun or a 410 or a 20 gauge would be that harmful.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: The main crutch has got to be Senator Mahoney that there is no other way to control these predators. We can no longer use poison or synide gun which was very effective.

There is nothing left. If this is taken away. There is no way to handle these guys and they are destructive.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Rickendifer.

SENATOR RICKENDIFER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I don't highly object to this bill, however we are in a fuel shortage situation. With this bill we are encouraging people to get in their cars and drive around the country to shoot coyotes from their cars. I would suggest that maybe a better approach would be to outlaw all types from hunting from automobiles, snowmobiles and this type of thing. What happened to the old coyote hunts where you walked. If there is a coyote problem let's have an old fashion coyote hunt where you walk. As I say we are encouraging and there are bills in this legislature that is encouraging the use of fuel that we know is short. This is another bill that encourages it. I do not question that there is a coyote problem in some areas. But the man with the gun is also a problem.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman members of the Legislature. In the last few years in our country they have this. Since the bounty has been removed from coyotes they have, we have practically had population explosion in these coyotes. They are running in packs of six and seven and sometimes eight in a bunch. As Senator Nore says they are hungry. The rabbit population in our country is almost dwindled to nothing. These coyotes will attack these calves \$150 calf as soon as it is born. As far as I know this is a very needed bill and I certainly urge the passage of this bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I am not opposing this bill. But I do want to carry on a little bit comments on it. I heard part of the hearing but I had to go someplace else so Senator Anderson handled and handled it very well. But, I have heard coyote bills before in this Legislature and generally speaking as you know they bring the largest rowd of the session down which shows you the interest. Now in so far as I have had some interest in this and I was up in the sandhills I have been up there several times and one particular instance the rancher wouldn't let us hunt coyotes, because he wanted to save them. Because he wanted to keep the jackrabbits down. I asked Ex-Senator Fenske when he was a Senator in here, he opposed it one time because he said that when they got rid of all of the coyotes the