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SENATOR SYAS: Absolutely not Senator Mahoney, we are talking about two different issues. Shooting rifles from anywhere obviously is much more dangerous than from the stand point of distance and how they will carry than a shotgun. We are not talking it does not seem to me about that issue. This bill adjusts itself to the specific issue of shooting coyotes and the problem of coyotes in the rural areas of Nebraska. The other issue is the permission to hunt game birds from the road. We are not in my opinion the bills don't address themselves to the danger of either one. I am not talking about the danger of shooting a shotgun at a quail or pheasant along the road as far as I am concern there is no danger. I am talking about the difference in legislation pertaining to these two subjects. It probably shouldn't be putting an ammendment on this bill to help carry the other one through because obviously that is what it will be doing.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I am not going to put the ammendment on this bill but I was just interested in your question there and you started by saying that you supported Senator Rasmussen's bill which would be shooting a highpowered rifle, but that you would be against a shotgun being used with a father and son may be hunting quail or pheasants along some road.

SENATOR SYAS: No I am not making that point so I agree with you 100%. I am trying to make a point of the difference between the two things. This bill seems to necessary in my opinion. And as I say I have a lot of doubts about shooting rifles along the roadsides. But this is for one specific purpose the other is an entirely different thing will be an entirely different debate.

PRESIDENT: The Chair next recognizes Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I hate to repeatedly the passing around what I believe is misinformation about the population of rabbits, game birds, etc., or the depletion of this population being due to coyotes. I am sure that some of it is. I am sure that if you eliminate every single coyote in the State we still would not have any abundance of small game because the cover has almost and completely destroyed and there is no chance of survival. There is just is not possible. I am a hunter to. I have two good dogs and I have never, never in the years that I have been out and that is considerable more than I care to think of, seen as little game as there is this year. And I have not run across in my particular area any coyotes. I am not arguing the merits or demerits of this bill. I am just saying that if we goon this false assumption that the shooting of the coyote will all gain us a benefit we are wrong. We still are not doing anything about conservation. I know that this bill will pass and we might just as well quit about talking about it. Because, it has been my experience in the ten years that I have been here that if anything comes up in the way of conservation it is nearly always defeated and if anything comes up in the way of destruction of any kind for good or bad, for good reason or no reason whatsoever it almost always draws a big crowd. In fact it is apparently the nature of the human being. But I am sure that Senator Rasmussen knows the true answer to this but I don't believe there is any truth to the story that we have to shoot the coyote as Women Libers have found out that the coyote packs are so bad in the cattle country that the ranchers are throwing their wives out to the cattle when they go to town. I mean to the coyotes when they go to town. And this is measure to save the lives of these good lays. Now I don't think that is true but then one never knows anymore. But at any rate let's keep the thing in focus. I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: I didn't catch the motion Senator, I am sorry. The previous question has been moved. The question is now shall the debate now close. All those in favor will vote "I" all those opposed will vote "No". The question is shall the debate now close on Lb699? Once again have you all voted? The clerk shall record.

CLERK: 23 Ayes, 13 Nays.

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost.