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SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Well I don't have that page.

SENATOR DECAMP: We don't have that page in our Journal.

PRESIDENT: Stand by.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Well I would like to have...that answers my question. But I would like to make this comment about this. I have had a lot of requests from people who claim they were concerned about the coyote population and the predation of coyotes. But the fact of the matter is they were hunters who wanted to shoot coyotes. That's for the whole purpose and what we have done and what the rural farm people are concerned about, what we are granting here is an out and out license without any restrictions for anybody to stand on the road and shoot wherever he wants without fear of any possibility that anything can be done about it. In other words we're..I think what Senator Syas says we're actually giving a hunter a property right in every man's property.

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I think what Senator Syas says, we're actually giving a hunter a property right in every man's property. And to the extent we are permitting to shoot in any direction he wants with any kind of weapon. And this is the problem that we have here. And I think we got into something that has grown bigger, at least I don't know that Senator DeCamp's amendment will do anything much, but at least it might be a help. I favor it to the extent that it will do some good.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, maybe I best run through an explanation of the amendment to some of the members that weren't here yesterday. Is that O.K.?

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR DECAMP: Because it isn't in the Journal. Our page isn't there. O.K.

PRESIDENT: Maybe if we could get the undivided attention of the body we could have the amendment explained once, and that might do it. Senator DeCamp has the floor. Please give him some attention.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President. The original bill allowed coyote hunters to shoot from the roadways with a rifle. And it passed unanimously in this body. And not brought at the time it passed was the concern of the farmers who live inside these quarter sections or half sections which the coyote hunters surround in shooting. When the coyote breaks into the open. And as I said, after the bill received it's initial approval I received somewhere between 30 and 40 telephone calls from farmers in my area who were just really upset and said that they stood a good chance of getting shot this next year, because we had a very very large amount of coyote hunters up there. A very great amount of shooting going on. And so they wanted the whole bill killed. I realized that there probably wasn't the support in this body to kill the bill. And I also recognized that there was a coyote problem and that the coyote hunters