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PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the E & R amendments to 779. Those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: O.K. now Mr. President, I have a motion that LB 779 be indefinitely postponed. (Signed) Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Clerk, Vince, I suppose that should be struck enacting clause at this point. LB 779 is the bill that was advanced, if you will recall a couple days ago which permitted hunting from the ditches. And since it was advanced, I've had contact from a number of constituents who have expressed concern. So I make a motion to indefinitely postpone. It seems to me that should this be permitted, it's just another source of irritation. Seems to me the farmer hunter relations have enough problems without the effects of LB 779. I can't help but believe that it will merely lead to further abuses. That it's a particular problem for those fringe areas of the larger urban areas. And for those reasons I would hope that the body would indefinitely postpone LB 779.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: To be as brief as Senator Warner, I would hope also that the Legislature would not indefinitely postpone LB 779. This bill would be similar in many cases to the bill that we passed on Final Reading some two weeks ago. The coyote bill. And Senator Warner did do a good job in describing it. It is from the gullies and from the ditches. And this particular practice has been going on for some time. This also allows the fact that it would be 200 yards away from any dwelling. The particular law has worked very, very successfully, in Iowa and in Minnesota. It is not a law that has not been in Iowa and Minnesota within the last few years. It has been a good law for those states. It does stop a lot of situations in which hunters do go across and get themselves involved in trespassing. In this particular law where a hunter could go on to anyone's property he still would have to go back to the place of residence and ask for permission if he fell any game that would be across the fence line in this area. I hope the Legislature would not indefinitely postpone this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer.