

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I'm going to support the bill. I'm not a hunter. I have nothing personal to gain or lose, but I think there is a very small portion, from what I understand in talking to sportsmen, of hunters that are so-called slob hunters, and I would put these people in the category that hunt in packs like Senator Reutzel has talked about in that category, and I certainly believe the Game and Parks Commission should have as much authority as possible to break up units like this. I think the sportsman who goes out and hunts like ninety...probably ninety-five percent of the people that are hunting, not going to bother them a bit, but for those few it will give the Game and Parks that authority, so I am going to support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I want to clarify the issue now and let Senator Reutzel know that I'm attempting to protect my hunting rights out in western Nebraska with this speech, so I want that prefaced in that way. I have two questions. First of all, Senator Reutzel, there is no discussion whatsoever in this bill on shotguns. Is that right? Secondly, did I understand you to say that you are amenable to a farmer hunting on all of the land that he happens to own? And a third concern that I have that I don't have enough expertise in there, but also the issue of hunting coyotes by a farmer on his own land during that particular point in time.

SENATOR REUTZEL: It's already covered in the statute.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well I think those are the concerns that would be expressed about it, and certainly if those three items could be corrected, you might have a pretty good bill on your hands.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now, before I introduce...before I recognize Senator Reutzel, I'm going to recognize Senator Lamb, and read the Lamb amendment, and let Senator Lamb speak to the amendment. Senator Lamb's amendment amends the Committee amendments. Is that right?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Clerk will read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb moves to amend the Committee amendments in Line 9 after the word "rancher" add "or employee of such farmer or rancher".

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, I'll withdraw that amendment