

it's on...it has been put on. But when we talk about predator control, putting funding into it, I do have a problem because I'm opposed to it. If I've got any problems out there or a lot of us have got any problems with predator control, we don't ask for money from the state or anything. We might be in violation, some of us out there, but we take care of it ourselves. We don't come in here and ask for the state to...some funding or anything, we take care of it and I think that's the way it should be. If we get too out of hand and, why should the taxpayers go out there and help some of these people in the predator control. I ask you to vote this amendment down and let's move the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, undoubtedly Senator Peterson has never had coyotes after his bees like we have after our calves. If he thinks that most people or very few people at least can afford, number one, the time or the expertise or the equipment necessary to deal with a bad outbreak of coyotes, but this Predator Control Act goes a lot further than that. It goes considerably further than that, but let me tell you just a little bit about what happened out in my area just recently. There was a group of my neighbors that were having a lot of problems that got the federal fish and wildlife person to come to assist them and that's another thing that this would do. If we don't do this we're going to lose a considerable amount of federal funds that come to this state to provide the majority of the funds and hire the people to do an awful lot of the work. This individual was able to get an airplane and one Sunday afternoon out at our place or out in that area got 25 coyotes. Now, number one, you can't do it from an airplane. It is illegal to shoot them from an airplane unless you have this federal trapper doing it. Number two, if you don't use an airplane, you can't get the equipment, you can't use the cyanide guns, you can't use those kinds of things that the federal boys can use so you're left at your own wits, a rifle and maybe a trap if you're lucky and, quite frankly, most of those coyotes are smarter than most of us are so we're not able to get them. Now, this bill would set up a mechanism so we can help pay for it, so we can help pay for it. I'm surprised that Senator Peterson would think that we'd ought not be able to set up the mechanism so we can help pay for some money to get some federal funds in to help us when, in fact, that is what he is trying to do for the bee industry. But it is more than coyotes as I indicated earlier. The City of Holdrege, some of you may