

remember, a few years ago the City of Holdrege was inundated with crows, completely inundated with crows and they used the services of these people as well to help rid them of, or try to rid them of this problem and under this proposal that Senator Johnson has got before us it includes a mechanism whereby cities, political subdivisions can be assessed funds to help pay for this program as well, which again they can't do right now. But I understand that this Legislature is in the mood to say we don't care the price of cattle went down \$10 last week, we don't care that a lot of folks are going broke.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: Maybe we'd be better off if the coyotes did eat those calves and maybe we would in the long run. Maybe then we wouldn't have so much beef and the price might go up and when you went down to McDonald's you couldn't get a hamburger if you wanted to. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peterson, please. Senator Lundy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUNDY: A point of order, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR LUNDY: My point is I don't believe this amendment is germane and I'd ask the Chair to rule on the germaneness of this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod, would you like to try to defend yourself on that one?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, from what I understand, and I'm not that well versed or an attorney to argue the rules, but I would say this. We're talking about trying to reinstate funding for the Apiary Program which was equally cut along with the Predator's Control Program. The bill was designed to try and put into place, I understand, through Senator Peterson's bill a user fee for the Apiary Program along with some support from the general funds, the same thing that we are trying to do with the animal damage control, or amendment that I am offering now, is to try and provide a mixed approach of user fees and general funds to support the program. If it's not germane, as I said, I don't want to subvert Senator Peterson's bill, but we're talking about user fees here for a couple of ag programs that