

were cut last year and trying to reinstate those programs which I think are worthwhile. I believe the amendment is germane, but that is up to you to decide.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, is that in the same section of law?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No, they are not.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. I would rule that it is not germane. Senator Peterson. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well I've been instructed that we should challenge the Chair and I would so move.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is, shall the Chair be overruled? Now, would you like to speak on that Senator Peterson? No. Senator Nelson, on whether the Chair should be overruled. Senator Pappas, on whether the Chair should be overruled. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, since there are not too many people who are paying attention, we're dealing substantially with the same issue and that is trying to restate funding for two programs in the Department of Agriculture. One deals with the Apiary Program, the other deals with the Animal Damage Control Program. Now we both know that they're both worthwhile programs and I would suggest if you don't want to fund one, then don't fund the other, but we're just trying to provide some relief to especially sheep growers or wool growers in the State of Nebraska who have a serious problem with predator control, specifically coyotes and there are some very able-bodied people in the State of Nebraska that we contract with the Interior Department or the USDA trying to handle the damage control program. Cities have also utilized the program especially with bird populations, skunks, other predators that cause damage in cities and in the country and, you know, I don't understand, if you want to fight the bill on its merits, that's fine, but the situation is, there are two programs both dealing with the department. Both are important to the department, both are important to society. If you want them, fine. If you don't want them, then that's fine too, but I find it ironic that the bees are better than the coyotes and everything else so we can fight this all day long I guess. But it is an important program for some people, especially as I said, the wool growers and some cattle people out there who have problems with coyotes.