

this consideration irregardless of my personal feelings with what happened to the Predator Control Program, so I, too, would urge the body to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I'm going to vote to advance this bill too. I think it would be nice if we do one thing at least for somebody in agriculture, somebody, but I think it's rather strange that we have all these urban people who come to us and say we want your vote for these various things like so we can run our buses and we can do all these other wonderful things that the rural folks don't get to do on, and yet when I look around this body I wonder how many people in here have ever rode a horse up and saw a calf half eaten and still alive, actually saw his heart beating and a coyote running away from him or heard a coyote and know damn well that you couldn't do anything about it because the government has taken away the tools that you had available to you, all you've got left is a gun, you can't get any poison, you can't use the cyanide guns, you can't use an airplane. The only way you could do it is to get the federal boys to come and the federal boys were only here because we put dollars there, but those of us who are big spenders can't put 70,000 bucks in for agriculture and set up the fund so that we can pay for it ourselves.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

SENATOR VICKERS: I'm about ready to become a more rural oriented senator I guess. So, yeah, I'll vote for the bees. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peterson, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President, a couple things I guess come to my mind that I wanted to say about predator control. If you don't think we don't have predator control problems in the bees, I didn't express that, but in the wintertime when it's cold, the skunks, the opossums, the coons find the beehives setting out there and they go up and scrape and scratch on it and they're smart enough to know that they'll get the bees disturbed and they come out and the cold air hits them and they die and if you don't think that isn't a problem in some beehives where you've got along the rivers or creeks where we may have them wintering, you've got another think coming. So maybe with my bees, maybe I should come in and ask for some funding for predator control on