

said, you know, you're not going to be able to have all this General Fund money coming in your behalf because the economy isn't going to stand it. And so I have been encouraging them for several years to get an act and they finally didn't do it, and they didn't do it, so finally when the Appropriations Committee in the last special session cut the complete funding out of it, it really woke them up. And they came in here on the following Monday and decided it's time that, hey, maybe we ought to start funding some General Fund money and as far as I am concerned down the road, I hope the beekeepers take it upon their hands to fund it more and more each year so we don't have to rely on General Funds because that is my intentions and I hope it's theirs out there and I think they have got the message. So I just wanted to throw them few comments in, ask to advance the bill and I'd like to yield a couple minutes of my time to Senator Scofield who would like to make a couple of remarks.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Just very briefly, because this is a frustrating problem for rural people and particularly the predator issue is a continual source of frustration, it is in my district as well, and also recognizing the remarks that Senator Peterson has made about our declining budgets and what I believe was probably going to continue to be an inability of the state to address a lot of these pressing issues. I just want to call to your attention that I have proposed an interim study resolution and the Ag Committee is going to deal with it and I appreciate what Senator Johnson has done on this already. And I am proposing that we look at the Natural Resources Districts as a place perhaps to place the responsibility for predator control, weed control and pest control, particularly grasshoppers because of the diversity across the state with the kinds of problems that maybe face one part of the state that don't face another. So if you have thoughts about that or, if you have problems with that in your district, I would encourage you to participate in this study process because it continues to be a source of frustration to agricultural people and I'm not sure that I've got the right solution there, but I would encourage you to share your ideas on that with me. With that, I would urge your advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. We