

because I did vote for LB 271 and I expect it to work but I do think there are other ways they could reduce the operations of their system, as I indicated by not disseminating information to everybody in the world, by making them ask for it, making them even pay something for it perhaps, those kinds of things. So I would urge you to adopt the amendment to force the issue at least to find out exactly how much of the statistics are necessary as opposed to all that unnecessary stuff that I was relating to you. I would like to give the remaining time in closing to Senator Johnson, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I will be very brief but I just want to say that if we are looking for putting funds back in the budget and taking other funds out of the cuts, I would have to say this is one particular program that I assume most farmers probably do not use or utilize nearly as much as say a Predator Control Program or the Financial Management Assistance Program. Those are things that I think people can see and feel and participate in, whereas in this particular case we are looking at statistics that I don't know too many farmers who get this book and actually use it. And as Senator Vickers said, if we find out the information that this program is going to be necessary and we are going to have to continue to fund it, then we will go ahead and restore the money back into the program but you know we are trying to be fiscal conservatives and also to provide I think reasonable cuts in areas that are not utilized nearly as much as maybe some others. You know if it was up to me, I would try and put money back in the Predator Control Program but I don't think the votes are here to put that into the budget again so I am going to let it pass but I think Senator Vickers has hit upon a key point here that we must consider at least and I guess it is your own conscience as far as how you vote but I think the opportunity at least is here for us to cut a program that may not be as important as maybe some of the others.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Vickers-Rod Johnson amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.