

people do have quite a presence in the urban areas in the control of starlings, and getting skunks out from under porches, and various types of things like that. And they do function in every setting, whether it is rural or urban. The damage that is done is well beyond any of this kind of investment, and I would urge your support for this very meager amount to put into this program. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, this through the years has also bothered me that we have not been able to fund it. I did not support Senator Johnson's bill on the first time around because I just didn't see the \$360,000 or whatever it was would make it through, and I am very, very, comfortable with the reduced amount of money. And if I recall, a few years ago it was \$65,000. I think it was vetoed out and we had matching federal money and so on, and the damage and the losses, as it has been said here several times tonight, the coyotes, particularly the prairie dogs in the pastures, and it allows them to function. And for this very small amount of money and the amount of good that it does, it is kind of, if we don't do it, pinching pennies, wasting pennies, and we could save dollars, and it doesn't take very much to lose this amount, and where there is some federal, I think, matching money there, and the coyotes, also, particularly. So I very much support this small amount of money.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, I was on the Buffalo County board when these funds were cut. Buffalo County chose to do it on their own. We could not understand the state's position then. This is the time to correct that action taken then. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I was hoping maybe somebody else would rise to oppose this one because we have debated it a number of times. Now this morning, we started out on our debate this morning talking about Whitehall, and talking about maybe why we should or shouldn't eliminate that. For those of you who don't know, Senator Elmer talked about we've tried for years to get