

May 9, 1977

LB 340, 75
LR 87

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 340 is advanced to E & R Initial. LB 75.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a Resolution number 87 calling for an interim study, the Resolution will be referred to the Executive Board.

Mr. President, LB 75 introduced by Senator Marsh. (Read bill) Then Mr. President, Senator Reutzel had his name added to the bill. There are committee amendments by Senator Koch's Constitution Revision Committee.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Koch for Committee amendments.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 75.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Anything further Senator Koch? Any other discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Cullan?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, these committee amendments did not come out of the committee unanimously and as I understand them they would restrict an individual from hunting coyotes or this type of thing, during deer season with a rifle. I am not sure that this is a wise move, especially since the coyote population in the State of Nebraska is heavy in some areas and while it would still allow an individual to hunt on his own land, it would not allow him to hunt on other farmers land during deer season. While they might have some legitimate enforcement problems, I still believe that the amendment is not wise and it punishes a segment of the society, the farmers who are trying to protect their livestock and therefore I would urge us not to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Reutzel, did you want to...

SENATOR REUTZEL: Yes. Mr. President, members of the body. The part of the amendment that Senator Cullan is talking about, is an amendment which I put on the bill which would restrict in effect, what Senator Cullan is talking about, hunting coyotes during deer season. The reason that we came in with the amendment is that the conservation officers are having a very difficult time enforcing the provisions of the law. We have a situation where we have about 16,000 deer permits being issued in a given year in a nine day deer hunting fire arm season and we have got more than 16,000 people hunting on those permits. So, a conservation officer comes up to someone during deer season and we have got three people carrying rifles, one person has a deer permit and the other two simply say that they are not hunting deer, which in fact they are, but they say that they are hunting coyotes. This provision would restrict the use of rifles to deer only, so that person carrying a rifle in the field during deer season must have a deer permit. This does not have any bearing on the present statutes 37-233 and 37-202 excuse me, 201, which provide permits for the farmer or rancher to hunt on his own land during this nine day season, and for the

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