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SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Reutzel to yield to a question please.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Reutzel, how long a time period are we asking individuals to refrain from carrying this particular firearm?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Nine days, Senator.

SENATOR MARSH: What time of the year does this come, Senator Reutzel?

SENATOR REUTZEL: During November.

SENATOR MARSH: And there still is provision in the statutes for an individual to hunt on his or her own property or to obtain a permit for a county hunt if a particular need arises even during this nine day session?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Yes, Sections 23, 358, 37, 222, 37, 201 all provide for predator control and for an individual to hunt on his own land regardless of this particular amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: So if my arithmetic is correct that means that 346 days out of the year there would be no question at all about an owner carrying a rifle even if he did not have a deer permit?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Absolutely.

SENATOR MARSH: And if he had a deer permit he'd be allowed to all 365 days of the year, is that correct?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Absolutely.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I merely wanted to emphasize what Senator Nichol and others have said and that is that they have taken away the right of the farmers and ranchers from using the best possible way to control a coyote population is with a cyanide gun and consequently I do believe that they do need to be able to hunt coyotes at any time they possibly can and believe you me a coyote just doesn't stay in one place. It may be such a thing by the time you get to him he's across the fence over in somebody else's pasture and doing damage over there so I would certainly oppose this particular amendment of Senator Reutzel's.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I'd certainly oppose this amendment as I did in the last session. It's real interesting that the eastern Senators are trying to promote something that I don't think they know anything about. If they really want to do something let's close the deer season. We don't have enough deer left out there to pay to hunt.

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