

watch when we come to something which is as American as cherry pie, namely, the pitting of animals against each other, I am going to watch and see how many people suddenly change and say, it's not right to let these human beings amuse themselves by pitting animals, by fighting chickens, by bear or any other kind of baiting. And if a distinction is to be drawn, it must be drawn because a difference is apprehended between the two things that are to be distinguished. And how can you draw a difference? It is going to be very difficult and, morally and ethically, I think it's impossible, but, economically, it may be. The higher class people are the ones who rear the animals and kill them for fur. The lower classes are the ones who pit the bulls and the chickens. Therefore, that which the better class enjoy will be given a different designation so that it seems respectable and not barbaric. That which amuses the lower classes...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...will be considered barbaric and given an appropriate terminology so that the issues will not have to be discussed, issues which will show that the two things cannot be differentiated sufficiently to justify allowing one to continue and be praised, the other to be cut off and condemned. This is an unjust bill. This is an improper activity, but, obviously, points of view differ and will continue to differ as long as money is to be made from this process. I don't even know why they have veterinarians. These are people who are supposed to cure animals? Why should you cure an animal unless it's just to make a better meat producer that will not be diseased and you can sell it for more money? But if somebody has a pet dog who gets hurt, they should kill it. Pet cat who is hurt, kill it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Any other discussion on LB 379? Senator Rupp, any closing statement?

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, once again I will run the bill by you quickly. Some of you were absent from the Chamber, I think, when I introduced. Last year we had brought to us a bill by the Animal Control people requesting the outlawing of large cats and bears, some animals that were dangerous pets, and there were some instances of abuse by the animals of pet keepers and what have you. We passed LB 558 and inadvertently put out of business a few people, not many in number, but to them this was a very important bill, they had considerable expenditures, and so forth, but there were a few