

SENATOR MARESH: You are, in fact, protecting them because you don't allow people to harvest them for the fur and that is probably why they are being hunted and trapped because of the value of the fur and I can't see that there is any danger of these species ever getting to be on the endangered species because as fast as they multiply. I think if you did travel out in the rural area in summer, you see them on roads and they just seem like they multiply even though they are hunted and trapped, they still multiply. So I would support the bill if you would take the raccoon off of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I think it is important for us to remember that we are talking about a five year period here as we look at these fees. I have good respect for Senator Cullan but I believe we need to recognize that costs have been going up keeping the parks up and if we are going to keep them clean, keep things in good order we've got to have the funds. Either they have got to come from the people that use them or otherwise from the general appropriation and it appears to me that this is the right way to finance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I have to support this bill. I feel that if we want to continue hunting and harvesting our furs we have to continue the populations of those and we have to have some control and as far as the coon, we were finding people coming out of the state and actually taking masses of these coons and we had to find some way of controlling this and this is why we have it in the fur harvesting and hunting area so that we can control it. As far as keeping the coon out of your sweet corn field, you can still do this. If it is a predator you can kill it and get rid of it but our population is dwindling as far as the coon is concerned and you talk to any coon hunter and he enjoys this bill. He wants this bill. So I don't think we should take the coon out of the list as a fur harvesting animal and I heartily endorse this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I support the bill. First of all, there is the additional fees, I believe in most cases when it comes to hunting and fishing, using the parks, trapping, anything there is, it is a case of who pays it, the person who uses it or who traps or hunts or fishes or that or uses the park or the whole populous because it does take tax money to make up the difference and I have always and will continue to support the theory that those who use them should help pay for them. I don't say,