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SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would agree with that. I think that currently is the case, Senator Goodrich, but we will double-check that and we will work with you on it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Wesely, I fully understand where you are coming from on this legislation as it has become quite obvious that people in Lincoln and Omaha and vice versa has problems with dangerous dogs. However, out where I come from...Senator Wesely, I am going to ask you some questions, out where I come from there is no animal control officer. We don't even know out there what we would do with an animal control officer. Now I noticed on page 2, line 18, it says, this dog which has killed a domestic animal while the dog was off the owner's property. Well, we have wild dogs, Senator Wesely, and they come onto a farmer's property, so the farmer says to his faithful old dog, sic 'em, go get 'em, protect my stock, get those wild dogs or dog, and they deliberately try to protect their stock, their family from these wild dogs. Well, according to this bill, old Shep, who I send after that wild dog, is a dangerous dog. That is wrong. It says here a dangerous dog shall mean any dog that has killed or inflicted severe injury or has killed a domestic animal without provocation while the dog is off the owner's property.

SENATOR WESELY: (Mike off) property.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, sure, he goes off of my property across the street or across the road to get the wild dog, but he is just doing what I told him to do. How could you make him a wild dog? I think what you should seriously consider, Senator Wesely, is maybe limiting this bill on a population basis. Well, we don't have the problem, but you are putting restraints on us that don't fit, because somebody can go to court and sue under this bill. You are just causing us nothing but problems, really you are. Come out and live with us and don't smile, come out and be part of us and see what happens out there. Well, you can answer anything I said but I wish you would stop...let's consider an amendment, shall we, to limit it to cities of the first class or population.... Why not? I will ask you why not