

SENATOR WESELY: Well, in response, Senator Lamb, the...first off, again, if your dog went over to a neighbors and killed their cat, if it was one of those natural type of things you're discussing, the other person will probably acknowledge that. But if they feel that your dog went over and without provocation killed their cat and they're mad about it, well they're going to try and keep you from doing that again. And this bill would allow them to say file charges and then you would have to...all that would happen is you would have to keep the dog penned in, which...I mean there are two sides to that issue and several options that might be pursued.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I guess I'm concerned about the fact that the neighbors might not really be mad at my dog, they might be mad at me, and that this is a method by which they might see an avenue to strike back on some other issue rather than on the issue at hand. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please, further discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Wesely a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, would your amendment apply to private property only in the rural area?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, if the dog is in a yard in the city,...

SENATOR WESELY: Um-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and there is a peach tree in the yard and children climb over a fence and go to considerable lengths to get into the property, and they go after the peaches, and you have a dog there...say a pit bull and he is trained to fight and go after anything moving, and the pit bull literally rips this child to shreds. Then because the child went onto the property that immunizes the owner of this dog?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, as long as the dog hadn't been deemed dangerous before hand, if it had then all that would be changed,