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district I can see that we need to put this program in statewide. In my home county there has been a program going, as well as three other counties from my district. People are pleased with the animal control program and wish it to continue. The depredations from predators, especially on poultry and sheep operations, can be devastating and these people do need assistance in controlling these animals that reduce their income-producing capabilities. And as Senator Rod Johnson so ably described, the role of the federal government has been 100 percent in this area, but we are losing more and more and more and within a couple of years we will have no animal control facilities or personnel available for these people to use. I'd strongly urge your support in helping Rod and I move this to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, if Senator Johnson would yield to a couple of questions, I'd appreciate some clarification.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'll answer them as best I can.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Senator Johnson, I apologize, I heard some of your comments and the history of the program which was cut in '82, was it?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: '85.

SENATOR WESELY: '85.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: The question I have, what is the funding level as proposed under this bill versus the funding level that was deleted back at that time? And maybe you covered this but I don't recall.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I can give you that exact figure, as a matter of fact.

SENATOR WESELY: All right.