

our sheep production and our cattle production. And the poultry production in my area is starting to grow and it's something that we're looking to for the future and I think 142 would offer them the help to make these industries continue to be viable in the future. And I would ask you to look at the cost if you can support it now. And, as Senator Moore said, support it in the end, vote for it. I have always voted for it and voted for the override. So I will continue to do that and I...Senator Moore's points are well taken and if you're ready to support it all the way through why I would ask you to do that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. We will now go to Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I have been on this bill every year since I've been here. You all realize that ranching and farming are the economic basis for our economy in this state. Predators cause millions and millions of dollars in damage to that basic economy. This investment would be well worth it, well worth the effort that we would give and I would ask everybody here to very seriously give the support that's necessary to make a viable program in our state and support that basic foundation industry. I would ask for your help in advancing LB 142. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. We will go to Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and body, you know, I think this is a forerunner of what's maybe going to happen this year. I think Senator Moore is going to be real, real busy this year. I'll bet we hear a lot from him. You know, I think it's very simple, just kind of look at the cost-benefit ratio of something like this. As you all know, the ag community never fares too well in this body and I don't think they're asking for too much to try to get some of these coyotes that are bothering Spence. And I would like to see something done to quite a few of these wild animals. So I would ask your support to advance LB 142.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rogers. We will now go to Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. Sorry about that, Senator Moore. And I'm about as conservative as you can get here, but I feel we should