

amendment at that time. At this time, I would urge you to support the motion to reconsider the Rod Johnson amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I, too, was absent last night when the vote was taken and would like the opportunity to vote on this issue and do support the reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, yesterday I had made up my mind not to comment on this but I think maybe I will just...because there is some history that was mentioned yesterday, I thought maybe I would comment. As I understand it, there is enabling legislation with an A bill that is over on Final Reading. And it's true that this brings back an issue which was eliminated, what we sometimes call the Memorial Day massacre that was in, I forget which year, '85, I believe. But, in any event, at that time we were appropriating approximately \$100,000 together with \$200,000 of federal funds for predator control. Primarily, it dealt with coyotes although there were some other areas as well. At the time that we decided as a...and we put together a bunch of criteria that year in an attempt in Appropriations Committee when we were looking for programs for elimination and one of those criteria was whether or not it was a proper role for government to become involved or whether it could be done through the private sector. One of the things that bothered us that I recall so very well is that at the time for that \$300,000, state and federal, 100,000 state and 200,000 federal, there was approximately a 1,000 coyotes that were killed and it came out \$3,000 per coyote. Now that sounds pretty ridiculous. I should also point out, in fairness, the argument was made, and I'm sure it's accurate, that there are killer coyotes and there are coyotes that feed on wildlife and those who are experts tend to be able to...and I don't know how but they, nevertheless I'm sure it's true, they can tend to be able to seek out the killer coyote as opposed to the coyote that is primarily surviving from other wildlife. But, in any event, it seemed like a fairly high cost and the feeling was, well, perhaps this ought to be done within the private sector rather than the way it was. And so what happened was that there were some counties who did contribute the