

matching funds for federal funds. It was spotty and you could argue it shouldn't be property tax and the program was somewhat inoperable. One of the concerns I have, however, in reestablishing this process is that, as all good government programs are, it expands and then if this is done, it's no longer just the prairie dogs and the coyotes but now we are going to also assist, and I'm sure meritoriously, urban areas and we're going to control birds and control skunks, I believe was mentioned, that may come into an empty house in a small community and those are important areas. I suspect, obviously, if you have a skunk in the house, it would be of some concern. But I'm not at all convinced that we need to expand into this area because it's bound to grow substantially, at least I think in all likelihood. It's a good cause. There isn't any question there's major losses to particularly some poultry, turkeys, sheep producers, no disagreeing with that. I don't think livestock...cattle losses are nearly as high from coyotes. There's probably other factors that are involved there even if the coyote does kill a calf. But I'm not sure that this should be expanded, and in any event, it seems to me it ought to be done with substantive legislation rather than an amendment...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...without the restrictions upon the expenditure that enabling legislation would have. But mostly I wanted to indicate the, at least to my knowledge, the background of how this issue came about. The other thing I should mention that was indicated that virtually everything else that we took out of the budget that year has been restored. I think this is about the only one that has not, although I would say that those things that were restored, were restored at a much lower level of appropriation than what they were at the time that we pulled them back. So there was some at least temporary restriction in the growth of government as a part of that effort. But it is true, I think this is the only one that has not been restored in part.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President and members, I want to, first of all, thank Senator Will for offering the reconsideration motion. As those of you who were on the floor last night remember, this bill was taken up very late in the