

of any dog or dogs shall be liable for any and all damages that may accrue to any person, other than a trespasser, by reason of having been bitten by such dog, and to any person, firm, or corporation by reason of such dog or dogs killing, wounding, injuring, worrying, or chasing any person or persons or any sheep or other domestic animals belonging to such person. Now, it is easy to tell when a sheep is worried. They are running around and, you know, banging off the corral fence, but this worrying language is a little...is a problem for me because if I live across the street, I am worrying about this. I think I am worrying because I...and if you were a dog and you were worrying me like this language is worrying me, I think I could take you to court. Do you read it that way?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I do read it that way. I suppose you would have to prove that you were being worried.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: My brow is knitted, does that count? I don't know. I think maybe we need to address this between now and the next time, and I understand what your intent is and this isn't your language, but, quite honestly, that is bothersome.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would admit the statute is probably archaic and I would be very agreeable to changing some wording there if it would suit your purposes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, and then we add joint and several liability, too; if two or more dogs owned by different persons kill, wound, injure, chase or worry any person, other than a trespasser, or any sheep or other domestic animal belonging to another person, firm, or corporation, the owners of such dogs shall be jointly and severally liable for all damage done. Now that is the old deep pocket if I remember correctly and that, too, worries me. Maybe we need to discuss that, see if we really want joint and several on the owners of dogs. Maybe it is good, maybe it is bad, I haven't really quite decided, but we need to discuss that between now and Select.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is fine with me.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Does anyone else wish to address this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Schrock?