

and sheep, found out these professionals could weed out those bad coyotes and they weren't having any problem anymore. So, I guess, I think that it's in the best interest of the economy of the state and certainly the individual landowners to have this kind of help, particularly in those counties where they have a difficult time in trying to find the funds. We've talked about Richardson County and all their problems over the years. If you could take care of some of their problems that do with enforcing the indigent, law enforcement, and these type of crimes, they would probably have plenty of money and be willing to do this. But we're all in that crunch right now and so I'm sure the State of Nebraska is, but I just felt like the amount of money that we're talking about...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...certainly will not destroy the budget. And, again, I do believe in making cuts where we can but I'm not sure this is a good place. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I really feel that this is a major error. It's not a major error in terms of the amount of the money, it's a major error in terms of philosophy and direction. And I want to emphasize again that there is no evidence, in my opinion, that the private enterprise system hasn't very well taken care of and provided resources to take care of this problem, just as they provided resources to the producers to take care of insect problems and to take care of weed problems. Senator Vrtiska, I don't believe that the Department of Agriculture spends any of its resources on weed control other than it regulates the local weed boards, which is a completely different thing. So nowhere, anywhere in state government has government been called upon to pay a businessmar.'s cost of production for the protection of crops or the protection of livestock, except now here again. You know, in 1985, we discussed this at some length to try to straighten out our philosophy and make it clear, and I think we did that