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wanted to get. May a person legally possess a feral pig?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'd have to double-check, but my recollection is no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person had a piece of ground and a critter who looks like that picture that Senator Kremer showed me, that picture compared to what we usually think of as a pig would be like the wolfman compared to what we think of as an ordinary human being. This creature has metamorphosed into something else which does have a very distinctive appearance, probably a distinctive gait and, as Senator Schrock pointed out, they are too intelligent to eat the slop that humans feed their domesticated critters, which become more like humans the longer they stay around them. Now, in the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Dr. Jekyll was the evil part of Mr. Hyde's personality. But when the pressure was on and there was a risk, Mr. Hyde was better able to function and navigate to a position of safety than was Dr. Jekyll. As Dr. Jekyll became aware of Mr. Hyde, he even recognized this. So I'm kind of analogizing to what I think I heard Senator Schrock say about these critters being more canny or savvy, wily than domesticated pigs. Would that be correct, Senator Schrock?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, the answer is yes. They become that way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if I happen to have a piece of ground, a farmstead, and this critter got in, but wasn't able to get out, for some reason, could I apprehend that critter if I didn't kill him?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I don't know that I have a real definite answer to that, but I would think you would be able to contain him until the proper authorities could be notified, in this case Game and Parks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That's all I will ask you at this point, Senator Schrock. Although I seem to be on somewhat the same wavelength as Senator Louden, I don't like his amendment because it does put too many people into the business of killing