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SENATOR BURBACH: As the amendment reads, Senator Mills, it will be a special permit to fish on the Missouri River as a nonresident.

SENATOR MILLS: It would be a special piece of paper, a special permit, a special license and effect no other place in the State of Nebraska except on those lakes or river forming the lakes of the Missouri?

SENATOR BURBACH: This is right.

SENATOR MILLS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak. Excuse me.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. What we're doing in this amendment is actually lowering the fees in what they paid last summer and the summer before last. Nonresident fishing was \$15.00. Under this amendment, for the Missouri River, we're going to lower it to \$10.00. A five-day fishing permit was \$5.00. Under this amendment we're going to lower it to \$3.00. I could be wrong on this, but I was up in Hartington and I don't believe we had any problem with the nonresident fees the last two or three years, as long as these have been in existence. Now Senator Burbach might be able to correct me on that. But I can't see why we would lower the nonresident fees from what they are right now. I could see some justification in maybe keeping them where they are, but to lower them just doesn't make sense. I would urge that we at least keep them where they are and defeat this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Dworak, I'm talking about dollars and cents. Your whole purpose with LB 861 is to find some additional revenue. I know that with the amendment that was offered this morning you're going to get some additional revenue, but you're going to lose in some other places. This is one place you're definitely going to lose. I can see no reason why we're even 15. I don't recall that we did go to 15. If that's the case, did you tell this body that it's been that way for two years?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.

SENATOR BURBACH: Did you just tell this body that the nonresident fee has been \$15 for nonresidents.

SENATOR DWORAK: They were raised in 1975. I just got the information. Fifteen dollars annual nonresident and five dollars for a five-day permit. That's the fees that are in effect now in the state.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Dworak, the group that you were visiting with very likely were not the people who are concerned and who are effected by exhorbitant fees for nonresidents. You were talking to generally a group of people who were interested in providing, like the NRD's who want to provide for the habitat. They have many requests for additional land, etc. I think that's probably the type of group you were talking to. Is this correct?