

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. What else do you have?

CLERK: That is all the motions that I have on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, now I can finally talk about the bill. The purpose of LB 75 is to provide a more effective deterrent for violations of certain state statutes by increasing fines for hunting and fishing without a permit, for trapping without a permit, and offenses related to Fish and Game as contained in Section 37, 501-518. Last year there were over 3,475 documented, punished arrests made in this area. It's just been more lucrative to go ahead and trap without a permit because the fine has been so low you could sell your first skin for more than the penalty was for trapping without a permit. During the public hearing, this was an extremely well attended public hearing, we had support from the Nebraska Game Commission for this proposal, Nebraska Conservation Officers, Nebraska VISLA Club, Nebraska Brittany Club, Prairie Creek Coon Hunters, German Short-haired Pointer Club of Nebraska, Pineview Beagle Club, Inc., several chapters of Issac Walton League of America, Northeast Nebraska Coon Hunters, Husker Bird Dog Club. This is a proposal which is supported by the legitimate hunters and fishermen and women of our state. Those who are trying to abide by the laws, who encourage good sportsmanship, and I would encourage you to support LB 75 in its present form and advance LB 75 to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is shall LB 75 as announced be advanced. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

SENATOR MARSH: Ask to be excused. Our daughter is in surgery right now.

PRESIDENT: Yes, thank you, Senator Marsh.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 402. Senator Swigart is also excused. Anybody want to take this matter up for our poor departed brethren? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, just before Senator Swigart left the Legislature, he came to me as Chairman of the Public Works Committee that heard LB 402 and asked if I would present the bill for him. I agreed to do so. However, I have not had time up to this point to review the bill and what it does, what the testimony was and I understand by the speaker's remarks yesterday, if I bypass it will go down to the bottom of the preference bills and I would hope that it would do so. I would like to alert the Legislature to pay careful attention to this bill because it does provide that no driver can obtain a license less than 18 years of age unless he has completed a Driver's Education course either in the school or through a commercial entity of some kind that provides such type of education. It's rather important. I believe the testimony last year on the part of