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January 12, 1978. It was referred to the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Koch's committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill is legislation brought by Senator Hefner and the intent of the bill is to allow the vendors a slight increase in the cost for handling of the permits for the Games and Parks Division. The Committee is in full concurrence with the bill but there was one amendment. We placed the effective date as January 1, 1979, and that would be the only way we could properly do it not since they have been involved in the vending thus far of this year's stamps, so I ask for the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, and members of the body, I'd also like to say the reason we extended this date was because the date is printed on the fishing or hunting license and therefore the new date would become effective the first of January 1979. I urge your support of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: They are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body...

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, perhaps there is something on the bill. Senator Hefner, would you please outline the bill for us?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, can you hear me now, Senator Nichol? Thank you. What this bill does, it increases the vendors fees for selling fishing and hunting permits. It increases the nonresidents from 50¢ to 75¢ and the residents from 25¢ to 40¢, a very nominal increase and the reason I introduced this bill was because some of the vendors in my legislative district were thinking about not selling these any more. The last increase was fifteen years ago and since that time the cost of dispensing these permits have gone up. They told me that their labor went up, clerical help went up, utilities, insurance and well, just any cost of doing business had gone up and last year the company that sold them their bond, these vendors need to be bonded to sell these permits and this cost doubled. It went up from \$7.50 to \$15.00 a year and the reason I'm interested in this bill is because I feel that if we don't give these vendors an increase eventually we won't have anybody selling these hunting and fishing licenses

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