

SENATOR RUPP: No other lights on?

PRESIDENT: One.

SENATOR RUPP: I'll just wait until closing. I think most has been said.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Rupp, can I ask you a question? I just have one question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rupp, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: On your 3-day fee you have the same fee for both in state and out of state of 7.50. Why did the committee, when they were looking at this, keep it the same? To me you should have the outstate fee higher than the in state fee for the new 3-day license. I guess that is my question.

SENATOR RUPP: Well, I think, and I may be saying more here than I know, but I think they are kind of charting new water, if you would, on this in that there was no 3-day resident fee. They found in some areas, particularly heavily used areas, near a border I guess, or whatever, that people were, some of our residents were buying a 3-day fee. Say you had a family outing on 4th of July and you knew that was the only three days you'd probably fish all year, some people were buying a nonresident 3-day fee, even though they might have been a resident of Nebraska, to save a few bucks. I don't...that question came up in committee, but I think it is probably a very small matter in that the number of these permits sold totally, both resident and nonresident, would be very few, probably in the hundreds. So, that is really just a small element to the bill. I don't know that they gave a lot of thought to that. They may look at some point down the road, if they do in fact sell a lot of 3-day resident permits. But I think their feeling, at this point, is that they will sell very few probably.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How does this fit with Iowa or some of the other bordering states, this nonresident? Is that...

SENATOR RUPP: It is pretty much...I can't give you the details on that particular facet. But by and large it is pretty much in keeping with all of the surrounding states. There is a little