

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. Speaker, William Barrett, thank you very much, and colleagues. I placed on your desks a proposed amendment to LB 105 and the reason for my offering you this amendment. You'll see a news article covering a gentleman, who happens to reside in my district, who is a paraplegic. This man has done a remarkable job with his life as a young individual being confined to a wheelchair at an early age because of an accident. We tried to obtain statistics from the Department of Health as to how many paraplegics we have in the State of Nebraska that this could affect and were unable to do so. But, in deference to this man, and many others who find themselves in the same position, I am offering this amendment and would like to ask for its adoption. Recreation for these individuals is limited. Mr. Massik does enjoy fishing. However, he has found that in his particular case he cannot fish on his own land because the stream of water has inflow to the pond and is stocked without having to have a fishing permit. We exempt others in this state from fishing permits, and I am going to ask you people today to adopt an amendment to this legislation that would, in fact, exempt people who find themselves in this type of physical position to fish on their own land if that land falls under the requirements for those which would require state fishing permits. This would be a very small number of individuals, but I think that in setting policy for the State of Nebraska that this type of exemption is worthy. I would ask for your adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Morehead. Before proceeding with discussion, the Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Scott Moore has some visitors in the north balcony, 29 third and fourth graders from St. John Lutheran in Seward, Nebraska, accompanied by their leader. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. We thank you for visiting with us this morning, come back. Is there any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Morehead? Seeing no lights then, all in favor of the amendment please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Morehead's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Morehead amendment is adopted.

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