

provides regulations and allows them to regulate the importation, exportation and commercial exploitation of species of fish, mollusks which...and crayfish, amphibians, reptiles, which includes turtles and snakes, all of these species. We have to have some kind of control for the future. The problem is we're seeing a greater possibility of importing species that could cause ecologic or economic harm when they're brought into the state. An important part of the legislation is that it exempts certain categories, areas where there's already existing permits to regulate. One of these would be the commercial fish culturist industry is exempted. It also exempts the importation or exportation of legally acquired species in the state and it exempts the importation of species that are used or displayed on state zoos, parks, refuges and other areas of the state. An additional requirement that's very important is that it requires the commission, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that combine with this scientific collector and education purposes, commercial seining, as well as the commercial fish culturist, and it also takes into account the recommendations by the Nebraska Aquaculture Board. The one thing it does, this does completely strike all the provisions of LB 830. This bill was...the individual that has worked several years on the turtle bill in getting it through, she supported this part of the amendment, the LB 532 wholeheartedly. And my last conversation she had agreed that this amendment, in fact, the importation, exportation portion of this amendment would be something that she could support. With that, I will answer any questions.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Preister.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Honorable President, friends all, thank you. I rise with some question and some interest. I guess what I would like to do on this is split the amendment starting with line 3 of the first page, down to line 12 of the fifth page, and vote on those two separately. I just...I'm not opposed to the concept of what's being done in either part but I think there may be some questions. I am concerned that I have heard talk of Christmas ornaments and I guess I am getting to see Christmas early again. These are two different bills put in to take over a very easy and straightforward bill and there was a third one that was proposed and I am just feeling a little uncertain at this point and have concerns that what was the turtle bill would continue to advance today. Thank you.