

opposed. In essence, what it will do is the following. It will set up an aquaculture board and it's not a permanent one. It's simply a one-time board that will consist of two people from Fish and Wildlife, two people from the Department of Agriculture and two aquaculturalists. They will meet and by December, I believe, of this year they are going to have to come up with some criteria that all can...that all can agree upon. They will make recommendations in regards to the state aquaculture plan. It will be developed by the board and they'll have authority to consider and recommend to the Legislature those ideas and concepts that they have come up...they will have come up with. Some of the areas that they will be asked to look at but certainly not limited to will be standards applicable to products of cultured aquatic stock offered for sale, the establishment of standards for certification of private aquaculture facilities that may include but not totally limited to standards for commercial aquaculturalists, with respect to sanitation, financial stability, disease control and the movement of aquaculture products offered for sale; procedures regarding granting, denying, suspending or revoking an aquaculture facility permit and appeals process relating thereto. Also, they will help set up guidelines for procedures and responsibilities for quarantining of aquaculture facilities upon a determination that a situation would exist that may threaten eminent danger to existing wild aquatic populations or to human health and safety. These are the areas that this board will be looking at to come up with some criteria for a state aquaculture plan. This plan will be given to the Legislature for its approval. It's a very positive step in the right direction. Both Game and Parks and the Department of Agriculture have said that they want this to be successful. They're both determined to get to the nitty gritty of the actual process and I have a lot of high hopes that this will be...this section of the bill will be advanced and passed. And, again, certainly deals with the portions of the bill Senator Avery is going to be dealing with, which is also is where Senator Preister is concerned and that is the importation of animals, what we do on disease controls and wildlife habitat. That's the nature of sections...or pages 1 through 5.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Any other discussion on this part of the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Avery, would you like to close on this part of the amendment? He waives closing. We will now vote on the first part of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We