

amendment but it's not designed to be so. I am endeavoring to amend the definition which is being inserted in this bill of wild mammals. In line 13, after "cat" I would put a period and strike the remaining language which would be "and human beings". I think it's so clear that we're talking about animals which are for hunting, whether game or nongame, that to put human beings in here, this is in the committee amendment, Senator Hudkins, I should have made that clear, and let me read what it is I'm trying to amend. This is the definition in the committee amendment which became the bill prior to the adoption of Senator Hudkins' amendment. I'm striking human beings from the definition of wild mammals because I think it's clear that we're talking about animals other than human beings and to put human beings in this definition as excepted out is I think superfluous, unnecessary and could create questions about other definitions of animals which does not exempt human beings when the conduct is such that human beings should not be subjected to or which does not include human beings if it's something that might be beneficial to human beings. What I'm saying is that when we're talking about what has been called the brute or beast kingdom there should be no overlapping between that kingdom and human beings, so all that I'm doing is striking human beings from that exception and here's the way the definition reads right now starting in line 9 on page 6 of the committee amendment: "Wild mammals shall mean the species of mammals native to, migrating to or through, or having established free-ranging populations in the State of Nebraska, except the fallow deer, the house mouse, the Norway rat, the black rat, the feral domestic cat and human beings." I don't think that catalog should include human beings and by striking human beings from this definition will not hurt the bill in any way. So that's what my amendment attempts to do and if I have not adequately explained why I would like to do that. I'm prepared to answer questions.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Avery, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.