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cost one-half of the out-of-state permit, which would be \$87.50, I believe, cost to them. It is an issue out in our area. These people are living just across the state line. Kansas does it now, Colorado is working on a bill that's a reciprocal situation, so it seemed like the thing to do and, with that, I have nothing else. We'll...we do have the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Schrock, as Chairman of Natural Resources Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 111.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Baker has brought to the Natural Resources Committee a good bill, and we advanced it unanimously. This bill deals with hunter education, resident fee and nonresident landowner fees, and increased duplicate fees for if you lose your license and you want to get a duplicate, it would increase the cost of that fee. The committee amendments deal specifically with the out-of-state landowner who would like to hunt. It removes the language of the leases. We thought there was room for abuse there because let's say I have a son who lives out of state and he wants to come back home and hunt. I could say, if a game commissioner or game officer wanted to arrest that person for hunting or if he wanted to get a permit, I could just say, well, I'm going to lease my son 320 acres for a dollar, and so we thought there was room for abuse there and so we...so they actually have to own land in the state of Nebraska. And the question was how many acres they should own--320? I would like to read into the record now that 320 acres is adequate probably, but if you go to the courthouse, and those of you who are attorneys know that a lot of times your legal description on a tract of land is 320 acres, more or less. So if a half-section of land only has 200 or 317 acres in it, it is still considered 320 acres for purposes in this bill. It also...the amendment also removes Section 10 because it deals with the State Boating (sic--Boat) Act and we put it in LB 131, which is the next bill coming up. So, Senator Baker, you brought...brought to us a good bill. The Game and Parks did support the bill and it's obvious you worked with them on the bill, and I will support the bill and I think so will...okay, the amendment also changes the