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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Redfield, your light is next. Did you wish to pass over your light? After Senator Redfield, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate the concern and the thought of trying to help here, but I'm going to respectfully oppose the attempt to reduce the number of game commissioners to five, and I will tell you why. Outside of the fact that this has never been discussed before, never had a hearing on reducing the size of the Game Commission, when we've had hearings on redistricting seven and increasing game commissioners it seems pretty hasty to me. Now one thing that I will tell you is that if you're trying to save money Game and Parks commissioners don't get a salary, and I will tell you that even some of them don't take their per diem. They don't even get a per diem. They just get expenses. Game and Parks is just more than agriculture. It's more than just having a couple of people on from Lincoln and Omaha. It's about fishing. It's about hunting. It's about trails. It's about recreation. It's about Mahoney State Park. And if you think we need fewer people and fewer ideas on that commission, back in 1947, when they put seven on, I can tell you Game and Parks has changed a lot in 55 years, and I think Nebraskans need at least seven voices on the commission, if not eight. And the one thing you're forgetting here, you're putting on three farmers and two people from Lincoln and Omaha, you're kind of shutting out the sportsman. Who's going to represent hunting and fishermen on this? It's very possible that they won't be represented. Like it or not, it's usually a very affluent person who gets on the commission from Lincoln and Omaha. They're...they can be very good commissioners, don't get me wrong, but I think the...the hunters and the fishermen might get left out of the process. And if you want to think about representation, under the five commissioner plan you're going to have 60 percent of them from rural Nebraska; under the eight commissioner plan you're going to have 75 percent of them from rural Nebraska. So I think you're hurting rural Nebraska. Game and Parks, agriculture is very important for Game and Parks, but it's not the only thing for Game and Parks. I would ask you to reconsider. I will vote against this plan. If this is something you're truly interested