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Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stuhr would move to amend, AM0509. (Legislative Journal pages 580-581.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, to open on your amendment, AM0509, to LB 162. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. And, Senator Beutler, I'm carrying the amendment, and I'm...it is the amendment that we have worked out between Senator Beutler and Park and Games. And it has to do with Section 18 and striking that section. And I will just share that with you. The commission may issue auction or lottery permits for up to 5 permits each for antelope and elk, and up to 25 permits each for deer and wild turkey during the calendar year. And I believe in the bill, actually, it had a percentage, and so this is making a more specific amount. Included in that number are single-species and combination-species permits, and shared revenue permits that may be issued by the commission. The shared revenue permits may be issued under agreement with nonprofit conservation organizations, and may be issued by auction or lottery, with the commission receiving at least 80 percent of any profit realized. The commission shall, by rule and regulation, adopt limitations for any such permits that are issued. The auction or lottery shall be conducted according to the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. I would give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler, and let him comment on that amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR STUHR: Mr. Chair.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, Senator Stuhr, thank you for the time. My basic concern, and I'll simply reiterate it, was that we don't go in any serious way in the direction of sending or requiring or allowing the highest bidder to take up all these permits. You know, generally speaking, we don't do that. The