

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I move the advance...oh we just adopted it, okay, the advancement of the bill. All it...all the bill simply is is a housekeeping measure. The bill removes the requirement that an adult who accompanies a fourteen or fifteen year old deer hunter in the field must possess a deer permit, and extends the requirements of supervision to antelope hunting. That's all it does. It...currently now, when you're out...a fourteen or fifteen year old is out with an adult, that adult has to have a deer permit also, and that creates a problem when there are a limited number of deer permits, and the youngster gets a permit but his father does not, and it's very often the case. And this would eliminate that requirement that he also have one.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I rise to support the bill. This is a good amendment. It makes sense that an adult can accompany a juvenile that is hunting, and the adult does not have to have the deer permit also.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Cullan, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Murphy, do you wish to be recognized on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well only to call the body's attention to the real dangers in deer hunting and particularly where one hunter is accompanied by another. A number of years ago I used to go deer hunting annually for about a week, and one year my wife decided that she was tired of staying home and wanted to go deer hunting with me. So she got her proper outfit and a rifle, and I saw that she learned enough marksmanship to be safe in the field, but I had to caution her when we went out of the very prevalent happenings where one person would shoot a deer and two or three others would claim it. So I told her that when we started into the field if she would go down this ridge and I would go down this ridge, and if I heard her shoot I would come across quickly and that she was to get to that deer where it had fallen and protect it and I would be there immediately, or if she heard me shoot, she should come over to where I was. And we had scarcely started to hunt when I heard the shot over there and I went running over and there she was... I came into this clearing and she had a rifle tucked under a man's chin, and the guy is standing there like this saying, yes, ma'm, that's your deer, you shot that deer, ma'm, and it's a big deer, but ma'm, he said, please can I just have my saddle off of it.