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LB 435

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if everyone will turn to their bill in question, LB 435, it's very simple to read that during the firearms deer season wild animals other than deer may be hunted only with a shotgun or 22 rimfire rifle, or handgun except, and the exception is what makes this a workable bill, except that this provision shall not apply to bona fide farmer or rancher who owns, leases, or resides upon farm or ranchland, or a member of the immediate family of such farmer or rancher while hunting on such farm or ranchland. That farmer, that rancher can still hunt on his or her land. For nine days a year to help our Game Commission in the implementation of their responsibility which we, as a Legislature, have given to them, I do not feel it is asking too much for nine days a year to restrict their hunting to their own land. If the farmer has fifteen sections, as Senator Clark mentioned, surely he can do his hunting nine days a year restricted to those fifteen sections.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, if there's...I'd like to call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question is called for. Do I see five hands. I do. Alright, all those in favor of ceasing debate, vote aye. Opposed nay. The question is shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases, a... Senator Haberman, you may close on your motion to return to Select File for the purpose of striking the enacting clause.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow colleagues, if the bill is so misunderstood and so confusing, I would say this possibly is reason enough to return it. And I think enough has been said on the issue, so that's my closing, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the question before the House then is the motion to return LB 435 to Select File for the purpose of striking the enacting clause. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.