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LB 72

fur harvesting is set by the Games and Parks each year and varies with each animal. It generally runs at the maximum from some time in November to some time in February and I urge the members of this Legislature to accept the amendments to LB 72.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, your light is on. Okay, we are voting on the committee amendments to LB 72. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Labedz, do you want to explain the bill now?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 72 revises several of the provisions relating to trapping and fur harvesting and increases the fees of fourteen hunting and fishing permits issued by the Games and Parks. Sections 1 - 3 creates a fur harvesting permit and repeals the trapping permit. Because this permit would be required for the taking of a fur-bearing animal by means other than trapping, there would be a significant increase in the number of permits as well as the increase in price from \$7 to \$15. The additional revenues would be \$237,000 for fiscal year '80-'81 and \$233,000 for '81-'82. The fur harvesting permit would replace the trapping permit. One would then need a fur-harvesting permit to hunt or trap animals on the fur-bearing list. The cost of the fur harvesting permit would be \$15 for Nebraska residents and \$200 for a nonresident. The fourteen increases are for the resident hunt from \$6.50 to \$8.50; nonresident hunt, \$30 to \$40; resident fish, \$7.50 to \$9.50; the resident hunt and fish, \$13.50 to \$17.50; resident deer, \$15 to \$20; nonresident deer, \$50 to \$100; resident antelope, \$15 to \$20; nonresident antelope, \$50 to \$100. The game fancier, \$1 to \$7.50; the commercial gain, \$10 to \$25 and the duplicates and we are speaking about duplicates here. When they lose a permit and have to have another one issued, it costs them \$1 at the present time and that is going to be increased to \$1.50; the resident fur buyer from \$50 to \$100 and the nonresident fur buyer, \$300 to \$500. These were last raised in 1976. The opossum and raccoon would be taken off the game list and would now only be on the fur-bearing list. This means that one could no longer hunt opossum and raccoon with a hunting license. They would need a fur harvesting permit to hunt, trap or otherwise take a fur-bearing animal. Now I am sure that there is going to be several questions