

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the bill? Any closing statement, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just that we advance the bill at this point, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to advance LB 45 to E & R Initial. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 45.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 45 is advanced. LB 168.

CLERK: LB 168, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this bill eliminates language which authorizes the shooting of crows, hawks and wolves on reservations and sanctuaries. It's technical in nature. Actually, there haven't been many wolves in Nebraska for quite a few years and so the language wasn't really necessary. It boils down to the fact that it says you can't shoot crows on game reserves and there are not very many of those in the State of Nebraska. But the Game and Parks did have a series of these bills which they wanted introduced for the purpose of cleaning up language. It's almost a redundant bill but I took it out of courtesy to the Game and Parks Commission. I would be glad to answer any questions and if not, I would assume that the bill could be moved forward.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For purposes of discussion, Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I would have one question for Senator Schmit if he would yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, would you respond?