

Prairie or something of that nature, Nine-mile Prairie, thanks, Kathy, near Lincoln and there were people who were very enamored with the idea that they could find native grasses growing within that short distance of the Capital City of the State of Nebraska. And I concur that if we have those kinds of natural vegetation that it is in our interest to try to maintain and preserve them. However, I also feel that if we make it difficult for those particles of land to be removed from the registry, that it might limit the individual from listing them in the first place...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I really don't think there is that much difference between the two words. There is nothing overall in the original language that would allow the Game and Parks to refuse to let me take it off the register if I so chose, and several members thought this might perhaps make it, as you said, less restrictive.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, at this point, I suppose...Mr. President, at this point maybe I would just not vote but I'm actually coming from the other direction, Senator Schmit, of ensuring that an area is retained rather than ensuring that an area can be declassified. If the number of acres is as limited as you indicated in the whole United States to 141,000 acres, I'm more inclined to go to the side that the area should not be something that someone at their, even the owner, at their whim can put in and put out. I'm more inclined to think there ought to be a process...(interruption)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR WARNER: ...gone through to take something out if, in fact, it was meritorious to being placed in there in the first place.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion, Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Elmer.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, members, I rise in support of the committee amendment and the concern that the committee had was for the adjoining landowner. For instance, under the green copy of the bill it says that no entity of local or state government may undertake any activities or use the registered