

SENATOR HARTNETT: How many muzzle-loader guns are in the state, I guess just more out of curiosity?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, I really don't know that answer, but I know there are quite a few.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Is that right?

SENATOR HEFNER: We have several groups up in the 19th Legislative District and when I was drafting this bill and after the introduction of it, well, I heard from quite a few more, so there are a number of groups across the state. Dennis...Senator Byars was just telling me here that there is one in his district or maybe more than one.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Another question, would it be a separate season than the...is that what the Games and Parks, that weren't...is that what they testified, would it be a separate season from the normal season or would it be part of?

SENATOR HEFNER: The Game and Parks Commission feel that it perhaps would be a special season.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: And one thing about it, these muzzle-loading, these people that shoot these muzzle-loaders would only get one shot because the deer would certainly be gone after that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I had a letter from a constituent regarding this particular bill saying, we have more deer out there than people. They are quite detrimental at times and anything that would extend the season and maybe deplete the population would be desirable and I doubt if there is enough muzzle-loaders in the state that would do very serious damage to the deer population, but out in my country anything that will help reduce the numbers would be welcome and I would strongly support LB 127 and the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Scofield.