

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Warner is next but may I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony, guests of Senator Lowell Johnson. We have 22 fourth graders and their instructors from Davenport and Clarmar Schools in Fremont. Would you students and teachers please stand so we may recognize you. There we are. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Elmer and Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, yesterday when this issue was discussed I...it slipped by mind to address the issue as part of the discussion in the committee that I should have pointed out because this was an issue that was talked about and others gave rationale yesterday for the competing things. But from my own viewpoint at least, the most significant thing for not doing this was the discussion we had is that the fact that there are 12 management biologists in the Department of Game and Parks now whose role is to work with fish and those areas that are trying to be addressed here and they are located in five different districts throughout the state. And a part of their responsibilities among other things is to be working with private groups with advice and counsel. And it was very obvious, it would seem to me, that one person in Extension doesn't begin to compare with the ability to draw upon people who work with this area on a daily basis, a number of them have the experience, the know-how of cultivating and growing fish and that's the kind of the expertise that will be far more effective in providing some knowledge to, and I expect they're doing it now, but knowledge to those who wish to engage in this kind of activity. And so it was not that no one was needed, but rather that there were 12 people throughout the state, not a part of the university, but who are knowledgeable and who work with this issue on a daily basis and probably from that point of view would have far more effective experience and far more effective ability to provide individual contact than one person statewide. So that is the prime reason that this was not added.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Warner, since you and the committee discussed this with Game and Parks, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR WARNER: I didn't say that we had discussed it with Game and Parks. What I said was that there are 12 people there who are management biologists located around the state. Part of