

their role and mission, if you please, is to assist the private sector when requested and I believe do.

SENATOR ELMER: Do you know if this would include, if the Game and Parks role and mission goes to a commercial enterprise that's...such as agriculture is?

SENATOR WARNER: Well they certainly do have hatcheries and they certainly cultivate fish, so I, you know, I can't answer your question absolutely, but I assume that growing fish is growing fish I guess.

SENATOR ELMER: I understand. Game and Parks, of course, produces millions and millions of fish to be stocked for sportsmen to use and those fish experts are funded by the fees that you pay for fishing licenses and use fees that the Game and Parks charges along with their General Fund appropriations. I'm not aware that there are...that they are actually involved or are able to be involved in the commercial production of fish. Next point, we have a great resource in this state in our water. It comes out of the ground and the groundwater of 54 to 55 to 56 degrees which is perfect for the production of coho salmon. Coho salmon represents a great potential income for our farm people who might want to get involved. I think that we could do them a good service by including, along with other activities that the Extension Service performs, some help in this particular industry, and I would ask for your help in the reconsideration.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, please, followed by Senator Barrett and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I, too, would oppose reconsideration. I just...it's mostly it's not that it's not a good idea on behalf...we have many good ideas. I just think we have to recognize that we're not going to be able to fund every good idea. I looked up grain sorghum production in Nebraska, for example. In 1988 \$223,258,000 worth of production in grain sorghum. Now I take that because corn, wheat and soybeans obviously are much, much larger as well as livestock. But I wanted to put into perspective because we did not fund a grain sorghum researcher and for cinch bugs, for example, which is a very, very, very serious problem for grain sorghum production, particularly in days like this where it's cool and grain sorghum will soon be planted. We did not fund that.