

agree with Senator Chambers. I don't think it's a bad bill at all. It's just a small bill. It's not a bill that is going to change the world. However, it has a purpose and you should think about the purpose and I suppose the question first and foremost is what kind of credibility do you give to Game and Parks? They've been a good agency, they've done a lot of good things, they have a lot of innovative programs and the innovation that they do, this is one aspect of it. They looked at the number of licenses that they've been selling and they can sell them to under five now, that's not the question. I mean, that...currently you can buy one for someone who is two years old. The question is whether, if they offer the reduced rate under some particular age, whether that would not be (1) more popular with the public and (2) whether it wouldn't generate additional revenues in the long term for this habitat fund. Now, in my mind, Game and Parks, wanting to include revenues in that habitat fund is not a bad thing, it's a good thing and, by the way, Senator Bernard-Stevens, the principal that goes into that trust fund is never touched under the law. So it is always the income from this trust that continues to accumulate and continues to be used to buy wildlife habitat and to repair wildlife habitat and to lease wildlife habitat from farmers, I think all very good purposes. And if people who hunt and fish want to buy these things for their kids for the purpose of promoting habitat as well as for the purpose of, in one way or another, associating with their children or grandchildren, why should they not be able to do that? Now if you're willing to sit here today and say the financial mechanics of this is not going to work out advantageously for Game and Parks, you can do that but all I'm suggesting to you is that their people who have dealt with this are probably more likely to be correct about how this is going to work than we are and we ought to give them, on the basis of their record in the past, an opportunity to experiment with this program. And they have not asked us to implement this program across the board, by the way, they've asked us to implement it in this one instance for the purpose of seeing how it appeals to the public and whether or not it would have a positive effect upon the habitat fund. So I think it's worth doing and I hope you do.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, again, I rise in support of the bill. I do not...won't support the motion to kill it, but I do question the limited experiment that is being