

just wish to speak very briefly in support of the amendment. I think that it makes the bill a little more focused on what it is designed to do and I would hope the Legislature would approve of it. It was interesting to note in an article the other day that trapping with steel traps is about to be prohibited in all of Europe. So there is quite a general discussion going on in the world, and I imagine there will be a continuing discussion in the United States and here in Nebraska on the use of steel traps. So you can anticipate that and hopefully technology will, at some point in time, make that whole discussion antedated...antiquated. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in support of the amendment. I want to thank Senator Preister for being alert to this issue and the Humane Society responding to it. I thank Senator Elmer for agreeing to the amendment. I think that there has been a lot of concern here in Lancaster County over domestic animals being trapped and caught inadvertently, but still with painful consequences, and I think allowing for this ability to intervene is only appropriate, so I do support the amendment and thank the senators involved.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Jores.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President, and members of the body, I just want to rise in support of this amendment and I want to commend Senator Preister for what he has done on it. I've trapped a lot in my lifetime, and I would be, you know, encouraged if some way we could figure out the bill so that if there is a domestic animal caught that we could release it. The way the bill was wrote that you couldn't do that without being in trouble. So I commend him for doing it, and I support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion on the Preister amendment? Seeing none, Senator Preister, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Preister amendment to LB 274. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of