

you remember the discussion when we had this bill about a word in line 19, "fisher", it would change that to "angler", so there wouldn't be any confusion as to whether that was an animal or an individual pursuing and trying to catch fish. I suppose the politically...if it wasn't the politically correct type of thing to say, we could say "fisherman", but angler is more proper. And in line 24, in defining which animals can be trapped and those which may be released by a passe:by if you have a domestic animal or endangered species as part of this bill, would have made it legal to release coyotes. Since, in the legal code, a coyote is not defined as a fur-bearing animal, so in the legal sense...in the legalese a coyote would be a nonfur-bearing animal. So we insert, in line 24, "except coyote". And, on page 4, line 6, in the bill as it's on Final Reading, says the name and address of the owner of a trap would be permanently affixed to the trap. And since there are so many varieties of traps, the commission has said that this provision should probably be handled by rule and reg at the Game and Parks Commission level. So we strike, in line 6, beginning with "the", "the name and address of the owner of the trap is permanently affixed to the trap" and substitute "the trap is marked in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission". That's the extent of this amendment and I would ask your assistance in returning it to Select File for its adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Elmer. On the motion to return, Senator Preister.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I just want to say that I support this amendment and the motion to return to Select File to add it. I think the fishers will be pleased that they're, especially the furred and feathered fishers, are now no longer included to do some cleanup. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Senator Elmer and the other senators who were supportive of listening to the concerns of the people who were interested in animal well-being, particularly the animal organizations in Lincoln, Omaha and Sarpy County who were concerned, because in the Humane Society effort to deal with domesticated animals, in particular, who are caught in these traps they found out about this bill at a time when they were kind of caught off guard. So I particularly want to thank Senator Elmer for his help. And I think that returning it now and adding this amendment is something that will be beneficial to the bill and will continue to take into account