

discussions with them and also Game and Parks, it was agreed that there were parts of 576 that they were agreed to by the controlled shooting areas, but they were not amended into 209. Most of the changes do constitute rewording in an attempt to make the statutes clearer and easier to read and understand. The amendment repeals Section 37-913 and 914, but the contents of those sections were simply moved to two other parts of the bill. The vast majority of the amendment sets forth the various areas in which Game and Parks is given rule and regulatory authority. However, there are four substantive changes to the bill and to current law. Number one, the amendment makes it clear that you can take upland game birds or hand-reared mallard ducks on a controlled shooting area out of season but during an approved dog trial. That has been approved by the commission. The birds are marked, their possessed and they're transported according to rules and regs of the commission or if the birds are being taken pursuant to 37-513, which has to do with a dog training statute. Number two, under the amendment Game and Parks cannot issue a license if the area to be licensed is within, and here's one change, two miles of a commercial controlled shooting area, or if it is within two miles of two private controlled shooting areas that have a common boundary. The third change is that Game and Parks must provide a public notice and a public hearing prior to the decision as to whether to grant or to deny the application for a controlled shooting area. And the last change under LB 576 and 209 as amended by the committee amendments would unintentionally repeal the controlled shooting area statutes to the extent that if you were on private land and had a dog along for training purposes you could release and take game birds without any substantive oversight by Game and Parks. This amendment corrects this error by making it clear that dog training on private land, using released game birds is subject to the rules and regulations of Game and Parks Commission. I would give the remaining portion of my time to Senator Avery for the discussion as to the provisions of LB 576. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Avery, you have about five and a half minutes.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam President, thank you, Carol. LB 576 was brought to me by the Game and Parks Commission. And basically it's a process, a bill they're trying to do and utilize a cleanup, restating language in terms of...so it...so it fits, kind of a recodification of some of the statutes. They do make