

that for myself personally I support the Hudkins amendment, not because I think it represents better policy, but because I think it represents almost the same policy, that there's not much difference in terms of the actual public good one way or the other. And if she has in fact reached a compromise with the groups involved that would keep us from debating this matter for another five hours, more power to her. I thank her for working with it. I hope in fact it is an acceptable compromise. I hope we can adopt the Hudkins amendment then adopt the committee amendments, then work with Ernie and Senator Preister, I know they have additional concerns, but we need to kind of work from one basic document or the other, and I suggest we just do the Hudkins amendment and then take off from there and deal with the other questions. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam President, members, I've just been listening to this, this morning. And maybe this is a little off of the subject that Senator Beutler just mentioned there, but I guess some of the concerns I have with this particular issue now is maybe the location of this controlled shooting area, which apparently has been issued by the Game Commission. But I don't know whether Senator Avery or Senator Hudkins or Senator Beutler could answer the question, but I see in the notes there that there is trap shooting allowed on this controlled area. They use lead shot in that area. These controlled areas are next to the Platte River and they're next to this wildlife refuge. Although the one letter refers to the bald eagle, and I don't know that I'm concerned about the bald eagle getting the lead shot, because they wouldn't be eating that particular...they more or less live on fish and ducks. But with the location that's there I wonder if they are required to use steel shot in this particular controlled hunting area, because it even shows sandpits on this area. Can anybody answer that? Can you answer that, Senator Avery, or Senator Hudkins?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler, Senator Hudkins or Senator Avery, nobody wants to respond?

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you. I will...as practice is for...for...the law now says if you're hunting water fowl they use steel shot, and that's a practice that they use on the area.

SENATOR SCHMITT: I'm aware of that, Senator Avery. But when