

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I don't see anything wrong with the Preister amendments, they're not radical in any way. They relate to his continuing attention to giving notice to people about changes. The Game and Parks Commission has indicated they can live with this, it's not a problem. So I personally at least am supportive of the Preister amendment. Having said that, I did want to go back and address quickly Senator Chambers' previous question so that we're all on the same playing field as to what is allowed and not allowed generally in these controlled shooting areas. Let me first point out, and we finally located the statute that I think Senator Chambers is most interested in, it's 37-307, and it says, it shall be unlawful (one) for any person to shoot, kill, destroy, catch, attempt to shoot, kill, destroy or catch, or have in his or her possession living or dead any song, insectivorous or nongame bird, or part of any such bird other than an English sparrow and a European starling. So, Senator, you got two birds out there essentially that are not protected. And it says the same thing with regard to destroying their nests or their eggs. So essentially the only...and then if you look at these specifically then at what kind of birds are allowed to be raised in these controlled shooting areas, that's defined, Senator Chambers, for your reference, on page 3 of the Hudkins amendments, game birds, the definition of game birds there. I described three or four of them earlier to you. But these are the ones that could be raised. And that definition of game birds plays back into the statutes relating to controlled areas so that only game birds as defined on page 3 of the Hudkins amendment are the only birds that could be so raised. And with that, I think I've covered some of the questions that might have been troublesome for you or of interest to you. If there are other questions, I'd be glad to try to find the answer quickly for you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Before the next speaker, I'd like to call the Legislature's attention once more to the north balcony where Senator Elmer has some guests from Hays Center Public School, 33 fourth, fifth and sixth graders from that school with their teacher. Would you all please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. And Senator Cudaback is under the north balcony with some guests from Gothenburg, Darwin and Eunice Edson. Would you please stand and be welcomed. Thank you all for being here. Senator Chambers.