

SENATOR PREISTER: I may have them in my office, I don't have them with me.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, okay, thank you. The regulations don't address really what it means in terms of determining what the public interest is here. And I guess that's a question that I have. What would you look at in determining whether or not it's in the public interest to issue a license or permit? And I probably shouldn't be asking you this, but have you had a chance to give that any thought? I mean a public hearing, I assume in a public hearing, and by the way I think that what you propose is a good idea, I'm going to support your amendment. Have you given any thought to what it means to be in the public interest?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Bromm, I share that concern that you have and that it...I have another amendment that would partially address that concern that will be coming up after this one.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR PREISTER: But at this point I think it needs to be in the public interest of the people who are the most affected by it, i.e., those people surrounding the area who would be dealing with traffic concerns, who would be dealing with safety concerns, children going through areas back and forth to school, animals that would be increasing the amount of traffic going across the roads that could cause accidents. The public interest maybe needs to be defined, and maybe that's something that could be an additional amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: It could probably also include proximity to a game refuge?

SENATOR PREISTER: Certainly the closeness to other wildlife where we're trying to encourage nesting, where we're seeking habitat and the propagation of other wildlife, migratory birds as well as bald eagles and other forms of wildlife should certainly be taken into account, yes.

SENATOR BROMM: It might include Senator Schmitt's concerns about lead shot?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, and as I think both of us remember from the hearing, the committee hearing, I think that the trap