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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The Chambers amendment to the committee amendments are...is agreed to. Mr. Clerk, are there further amendments. The call is raised.

CLERK: Senator Preister, AM1946 now, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. AM1946 I believe, although it's not listed separately, is in the Journal and I believe it's on page 1963. Basically, and I'll read the amendment, it says no game bird shall be marked by using toe clipping methods and the intent of doing that is just as it states so that when the birds are marked they're not marked by having their.. their leg damaged by a knife cutting off part of their foot and there are bands that can be placed on the feet of the pheasants and other game birds and basically... Excuse me just a minute. I may have some.... Just for clarification, the Clerk thankfully and wisely pointed out that this particular amendment, AM1946, is not printed in the Journal and that is true. What I was saying on page 1963 is that it was part of the first amendment that I had proposed but then I separated the amendments. That was part of what I withdrew earlier. Basically, this amendment just says that when the birds are marked they're not going to have their foot cut, part of their foot cut off actually, and since they can use bands on the bird's leg it's much easier on the bird. It may cost maybe a penny or two cents for the band. I don't think it's that expensive. I think it gives an actual number. It gives a better way of showing accountability. The numbers can be recorded. The serial numbers are issued to a certain purchaser. I think it gives far more accountability in the process than simply cutting the toe off of the pheasant itself so the amendment reads: "No game bird shall be marked by using toe clipping methods" and that is the extent of the amendment. I would be happy to answer any questions and it is one method of marking. There are other methods that are used. Banding is one of the primary ones and, as I understand from Game and Parks, there is also a method that's used that an apparatus is put on the beak of the bird so that when these birds are raised in such close confinement and they have a tendency to peck each other and many of them end up bleeding to death as a result of that, this apparatus on their beak leaves a mark actually on the beak and that's another method that's used in marking. So there are

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