

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you going to address these when your light... when they get to you? Because I'm trying to get as much understanding of this as I can and right now it seems that what Senator Preister said, in terms of not using that method, dovetails with what you said and maybe we could say "clawtailed" or whatever.

SENATOR AVERY: (Laugh) "Clawtailed".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I saw Senator Fisher look up. If there is a way other than intentional clipping that a bird could lose a part of a toe or a foot and this bird could be illegally taken but because of that injury it could appear that it was taken legally in a controlled shooting area, it would seem to me you would want to do away with a type of marking that could duplicate something other than that. That's just something I would like you to consider. But I wasn't aware that in the process of being raised, as these birds are, that they're in such close proximity with each other that some will be pecked to death, so I'd like to ask Senator Preister, did I hear that correctly?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Honorable President, friends all, thank you. Yes, Senator Chambers, that's correct. That is what I stated, that in the raising of the chicks and as they're kept in I assume it's like a brooder house, which is the terminology that's used for chickens, that I'm told by Game and Parks that they do put an apparatus over their beaks to prevent them from actually pecking each other. In the process, some of them can bleed to death and die, but the process is to prevent them from injuring each other.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the reward for those who are fit enough to survive in accord with the principles that nature has laid out there and Darwin and others have talked to us about, those being most fit are the ones who survive, the reward in this instance that human beings would bestow is to allow those who survive to be killed by these... these hunters, or whatever you want to call them.

SENATOR PREISTER: That's my understanding of the process.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I did.... Thank you, Senator