

limit, so you're already running into problems if you would change the two miles. We already have a buffer zone built in around the game refuges. That was put in there for a purpose because the animals do get used to any unusual activity going on around their area and this buffer zone that was built in has been found by the Game and Parks to be enough to take care of the animals' concerns. We've all heard scare stories about what was going to happen when they put in the Alaskan pipeline because it was going to scare the deer, it would scare the elk or whatever animals would be up there. It didn't. When the pipeline was there the animals are still there, it didn't bother. The animals get used to most anything...they get used to anything if it is constant. So I don't think we have to worry about the two-mile being any more of a health help for the animals, the birds, because they already have the buffer zone. I have talked to Game and Parks. They have said that there have not been any complaints about there being problems with the current buffer zone the way it is. I will be discussing, over the interim, with Game and Parks to see if there should be any changes. At this point, they say no. I am concerned about the people in the area. That is why we changed the bill on General File or with the E & R amendments to put in the section about the public hearing, the public notice process. This would be to allow the people to come in and make their concerns known. So, at this point, I would be objecting to this amendment. I will, of course, be voting in opposition to it. I would ask that you do the same thing because we haven't been shown that there is a problem. We don't need the two-mile restriction. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Schrock, on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I, too, reluctantly rise to oppose this amendment. I know Senator Preister has brought this in good faith but it's strictly...it's too restrictive. I told Senator Preister at one time that I didn't think lead shot could travel over 400 yards and probably not over 200 yards, and I think that's probably the main concern. And so this is way out of the realm of letting these game farms function in an orderly manner. If this amendment should pass then I would move to bracket the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen, on the Preister amendment.