

any controlled shooting areas be affected with this legislation or are there any provisions for grandfather rights in that?

SENATOR HUDKINS: I have not seen any provisions and, as I said in my remarks earlier, there are four that would be affected right now. Four of them are within a mile and three of those four are within a half a mile. There are seven that are within five miles.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Could you check that out and see if anybody would be getting grandfather rights because they have been in existence for quite some time?

SENATOR HUDKINS: I can do that.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Can you check on it? Okay, thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute. Oh, thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Avery, on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. I understand what Senator Preister is trying and his concerns here in terms of wildlife and wildlife refuges, but I have to oppose this amendment. There are several refuges, even in Nebraska and other states, that have shooting areas run by the states right up along the boundaries and actually within the confines of the refuge. They do leave a boundary and a buffer zone but these shooting areas are controlled and they find that the birds stay there. They utilize these and if anybody has ever had the opportunity to hunt, they find that it isn't disturbing the birds. The birds continually, continually come back. Now, granted, these are controlled and they provide refuge to the birds. The shooting areas may be half a day or may be from early morning till noon or till three or four o'clock. They don't go all day. I have seen situations where they are expanding the shooting times of these controlled hunting areas. Now these are different. These are run by the state. On the areas, they used to quit...quit shooting at noon, but now they're going till three o'clock, I believe, and maybe in some other states farther. So in terms of game management and wildlife management, they're...these concerns are being met, I think, by the Game and Parks Commission and they are the experts in the refuge area in terms of protecting...protecting the wildlife. Many of the things...and Senator Janssen had brought