

up the fact of...of having private, and I know that there are private blinds that are set up right as close as possible to that 20 rods area on the western side of the river. Now if we're trying to just control controlled shooting areas versus the private hunter, that's...that's fine. But if we're truly trying to protect the wildlife, I think we've kind of missed the boat here a little bit. So I do have to oppose this regulation...or this amendment and I ask that the body does the same. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Schmitt, on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR SCHMITT: (Microphone not activated) ...members, I've got a couple of questions, I guess, for Senator Hudkins and also some concerns on this.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hudkins, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Senator Hudkins, you talked about other controlled shooting areas that are close to these refuges. I guess my question is, is there any reason why we shouldn't stop them now from being this close to these refuges? Because I guess my question is, why do these people need to put in a controlled shooting area this close to a refuge when they're raising the birds and turning them loose for their own private hunting? And I guess that's my concern, is why shouldn't we stop it from being that close now?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Well, that's...the land is already there, the controlled shooting areas are already there. What we have is already there.

SENATOR SCHMITT: In this particular case, but shouldn't we stop it from them buying more of this land close to these refuges in the future?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Okay, Senator Schrock (sic), that's what the public hearing is for. This will give the neighbors, this will give the businesses, this will give whomever is in that area and is concerned about it a chance to make their concerns known, and this is what the Game and Parks then will be having to deal with. If there are more negative reasons to have this