

controlled shooting area than there are positive reasons then the license will be denied.

SENATOR SCHMITT: I guess my concerns on this is like Senator Janssen mentioned, these birds do come into these areas and I think if you will talk to people that hunt in the Lake McConaughy area, the Lewellen area where they do have the blinds right close to the refuge, they will tell you that the old geese that are used to coming into that area don't really have a problem with it because when they take off of the refuge they gain altitude before they go over the blinds. But the new, young, dumb ones don't and so it makes very good shooting right off of that refuge and I guess that's the question I have. If these birds are coming in there to stay, I'm not sure that that 150 yards is a big enough buffer zone as far as the noise, the activity disturbing them. As far as the lead shot, yes, that's far enough, I understand that, but I think if you were a goose hunter, it would be real nice to have a blind just across the fence from DeSoto Bend.

SENATOR HUDKINS: I guess what I'm going by is what Game and Parks is telling me that this 200 or 100 yard...110 yards, 200, whatever the rods is, 110 yards...

SENATOR SCHMITT: Right. Right.

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...is enough of a buffer zone for the protection of the birds.

SENATOR SCHMITT: But is this for the protection of the lead shot or is it even the disturbance of the birds? I guess that's my question, and I don't know if the Game Commission has actually stated that. They haven't to me so that would be a concern. But I may talk to one of them, I think, they're out here in the lobby now, and see what their concerns are on that. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Avery, may I ask you a question? You're an expert in this area.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hudkins (sic).