

SENATOR ROBINSON: We have all these blinds on the Missouri River and I know we have them on both sides of the river but what's the...outside of the area that Senator Hudkins' bill is referring to, what's the difference whether they're...whether they're a controlled area or not? Those birds are being shot. I guess the only thing that I can see is if the...if there are residences so close that that would im...you know, that shot would go over there. But, really, what's the difference?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Avery.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You know, just across the road from DeSoto Bend, can those people hunt there? I'll bet there...

SENATOR AVERY: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...I'll bet there's some blinds there. Gosh, how many millions of birds come in there? I can't see where that's much different than where Senator Hudkins is talking about. I guess I...if you could explain that. I don't know.

SENATOR AVERY: Well, that was one of the kind of points that I had tried to bring up that there are shooting areas that are adjacent to these boundaries. Now, of course, any time you hunt water fowl you're supposed to use steel shot, but if, you know, if it's public land, it may be different. If the state's going to buy that extra half a mile or a mile out so they completely have control of so individuals can't hunt, but even on public land you can walk along there. If lead shots are a problem then there's going to be people hunting along there, pheasant hunting. Now, truly, it may not be to the extent of the shooting area but I still believe that that distance is adequate. You're not disturbing the birds. You've got to look at what...the time the birds are there and when they need the protection too.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do you know if they have a buffer zone at DeSoto Bend? I know it's in Iowa but...

SENATOR AVERY: Yeah, I'm sure they do, in fact, you know, their boundary is...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I think across the river north.