

SENATOR AVERY: Right across the river and you can't hunt. They specify the area where...allow blinds, and actually there's a road that divides the...and the people have to hunt and actually they almost stand on the roads, these abandoned roads to shoot.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'm thinking about Highway 30 that goes across there.

SENATOR AVERY: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Of course, you can have...I don't know how many blinds there are north of Blair on the Iowa-Nebraska side and the reason...you know, the reason the blinds are there because all those birds are going to go into DeSoto Bend, so I don't know. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, Senator Robinson, perhaps I could shed a little light on the question that you raised. A hunting season is over before the nesting season. In a controlled shooting area, you have an extended period of hunting. And, well, I say hunting, there are people that would differ with that statement. However, the controlled shooting area is also going on during breeding season. Hunting is over by that period of time. When you're talking about hunting you're talking about a limited number of people. Many times they're leased or owned pieces of property and basically you're talking about water fowl and those are only shot by those few limited numbers of people. They're only done during a normal hunting season. Controlled shooting areas already start hunting in September, which is, in most cases, earlier and they go until the 1st of April. Their hunting season is going on as migratory and other birds are beginning to think about nesting. There is a difference between hunting in a limited amount of time with a limited number of people under controlled conditions. When you're talking about an area where you have an extended period of hunting and where you have a different situation, particularly at a time when you're also looking at these animals nesting and breeding, then you have other circumstances that I think need to come into play, and one of those is that you have some type of distance or barrier that prevents those birds, primarily birds, but we're looking at other animals too, from being interfered with, and particularly when during that time those...those water fowl, those other fowl