

became controlled shooting areas. And I don't have the information and I would yield back the rest of my time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Maurstad. Senator Maurstad. I don't see Senator Maurstad. Senator Robinson, on the first half of the amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, this may not be relevant to this part of it. I want to ask Senator Avery a question though.

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

SENATOR AVERY: Yes, thank you.

SENATOR ROBINSON: On the game refuge, now those birds go south just like any other bird, right?

SENATOR AVERY: You're right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So that extended time that you have on a controlled area, hunting area, there wouldn't be near as many birds going across, would there, as I see it, because, I mean they're migrating south, aren't they? I mean, the controlled shooting area has a much longer season. I guess...

SENATOR AVERY: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...that's the way I would see it, that those birds from the refuge would be long gone, a lot of them anyway, during that extended season for the controlled hunting areas. Is that a...would that be a true statement, or...

SENATOR AVERY: Well, yeah, you know, what happens, and I had heard a comment in terms of nesting, very seldom are the birds here and nest in March. Nesting takes place generally after March and on the controlled shooting area I believe the times in the bill was September 1st to March 31st. So, in terms of the nesting activities, it's slight to nil at all.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So those birds are...they're...they have already left that...those refuges, right?

SENATOR AVERY: Generally. There are...there are birds though that do stay around and will nest in Nebraska. In terms of this