

preserve or whether we're farming or whether we're...whether we're out for recreational activities it's going to interfere with migratory habits. I guess the frustrating thing for me is that Senator Hudkins has worked quite diligently with Game and Parks Commission and I would like to see this bill advanced and I don't see much purpose to what you're doing. I suppose from a technical standpoint, me going out and digging a fence hole to...or post hole and putting a post in it could interfere with the migratory habits of birds if I was alongside adjacent to a river or something. So I have a little problem with what you're trying to do here. I would like to respond a little bit to what Senator Lynch had to say. At least in my area of the state I don't think the activities of any of these commercial hunting preserves have enhanced the value of the land out there because there's so much land available for this type of activity. And I don't see people being jealous of these commercial game farms and wanting to put up one to it or not being room for another one somewhere five miles down the road. So I don't think it's enhanced the value and I don't think it's caused the county assessor to go out there and raise the value of the land in that area that's being used for a commercial hunting area. So I don't think your concern, Senator Lynch, that this has increased values and made the land more valuable, therefore, increase tax revenues for the county, I don't think that's taking place, certainly not in my area of the state. And I suspect that's also true for Senator Hudkins' area. But, be that as it may, I'm going to have to vote against this proposed amendment of Senator Preister.

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

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, again, Honorable President, friends all. I support the first section of the amendment. I support all of the amendment and I support it and do want to restate what I started to say when Senator Beutler asked me his question. We're not just talking about water fowl, although the section here deals with migratory birds and many of them would be water fowl, but it would include, certainly, all of those species that we determine are important here in the state and important for their own sake but additionally for the tourists that they attract, like the cranes which bring people from all over the world and who don't necessarily roost in all of the Platte River, although they do spread out and have been seen in areas all up and down the Platte River. But, once again, I would remind us that we're looking at creating state policy.