

Although Senator Schrock said that Senator Hudkins has worked long and hard with Game and Parks, that may be the case, I don't dispute that. I would say though that Game and Parks is in somewhat of an awkward position with this bill since one of the owners of a controlled shooting area is one of the Game...the Game Commission's commissioners. That's real awkward and it's awkward for the staff of Game and Parks. It's awkward for people to be able to say what they really want to have done when they're in a position of having somebody who is, in effect, their boss, wanting something that may be...and I'm not saying it is or isn't, but could certainly be in contradiction of what is really best policy. It's an awkward situation for people at Game and Parks, at best, and certainly it's something that needs much more scrutiny than we're giving it here in the limited debate that this has gotten. I think that there is another issue that Senator Lynch raised that is akin to the concerns of the neighbors. And, again, my purpose in doing this is out of concern for those people who are going to be living right next to this controlled shooting area. One of the issues, and if you will look on your...I believe the Pages handed out a sheet that has a heading, Shooting Range Near Valley Violates Ban Neighbors Say. The neighbors have raised the issue of whether or not this controlled shooting area violates the spirit of existing law in Initiative 300, the corporate farming legislation. And the issue is one that they have asked people in state government to make some determinations of. I think the issue is one that is valid. It raises, like Senator Lynch brought up, the issue of taxation on that property. It raises the issue of whether or not there is actual violation of corporate farming and the issue is one that needs to be resolved. I think, at this point, to pass legislation that is being potentially looked at as violating existing statute and then to create more of a conflict is something that should raise a red flag to those of us here on the floor who are concerned about setting good state policy. I would ask that if you have a moment, it's not a long article but it is one that is one that's important to the immediate neighbors and those neighbors are farmers and those neighbors are hunters and they allow hunting on their property, and those people are not saying...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...that hunting is a problem or that even controlled shooting areas are a problem. But there is one particular controlled shooting area that they see as a threat to