

addition to what we have in the bill currently. I think it allows for at least the issue to be raised that we do need to pay attention to the water fowl that are going through this area and other migratory birds. I think the bald eagle is one that I don't know would be considered a water fowl but one that has certainly been known to appear in the area and has even nested along the Platte River and is one that I think needs to be given some respect as our national symbol in addition to the other species that would also be in that area. I think this amendment is really at a minimum what we could do to help to improve the bill as it currently stands and I would urge your support of this part of the amendment. The next part of the amendment we will then discuss again. As I said, if this amendment and one other that I have adopted then my opposition to the bill is withdrawn. If they're not adopted then I feel compelled to stand up for the people who live in that area and to continue discussing this with additional amendments as we have the time to discuss. I'm not doing that for myself but I think that we owe it to the people who are going to most directly be impacted by this legislation, who did not even know of this legislation at the public hearing and, therefore, were not able to testify. And I'm blaming no one for that. Things happen here and people don't always get the word and that's the nature of life, I guess. However, they have come forward. They have legitimate concerns, more of which I will go into detail about. But at this point I'm trying to get things done and also do it in consideration of the body's time. My intent is not to hold up other bills or the process but I do want to be clear if this amendment and the other one dealing with community concern are addressed then my opposition to the bill is withdrawn and I'm done with it. If not, then I feel compelled to stand up for those people who feel that their families are in danger and because of the concern for those citizens I will have additional amendments. I thank you very much and urge your adoption of this section of the amendment that I have pending before us. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of lines 1 to 3 in the Preister amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed no.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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