

SENATOR PREISTER: Well, when there were 17 not voting, there was hope. With 16, there isn't hope, so I will sit down.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This portion of the Preister amendment...I see the name Maurstad up here and I need to be reeducated today, I guess. The Preister amendment is not adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The second component, Mr. President, consists of lines 4 through 8 of the original floor...or AM2368.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister, would you like to open on your amendment?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I wish that we had adopted the first one and that the vote hadn't been so lopsided. If I were going to continue to really work the bill, as it looks like I may need to, I would have asked for a call of the house but I do respect that there weren't the vote there and there may not be on this half, but perhaps this is the part that people feel is more important than the first section. And this section deals with the granting of the license for a controlled shooting area and allows for that to be granted only if that controlled shooting area is at a distance greater than two miles from an existing bird refuge or wild fowl sanctuary or reservation as established by the Game and Parks Commission. I think that there is an importance that we should place on endangered species. That's not to say that people don't have an equal right and that those people don't have greater respect or consideration in where we grant these licenses. I do have an amendment, and it just so happens that this one has come in order before the one that gives consideration for people in the area, and I think that's the heart and soul of what I'm attempting to do here is to take into account the impact of this legislation on people who are living in the immediate area and who are going to be affected by it. If you have a controlled shooting area that's locating in an area where you're already attracting wild animals, animals and fowl, I'll make the distinction, then we have said that there is an importance to those animals and that they must come to this area for some reason, be it that they're in preparation of nesting, and I will certainly stand corrected that in March