

think at a minimum, we should at least be able to provide that that shot cannot carry into that area. And as the bill is currently drafted there is nothing that prevents that other than a sign that says you're not supposed to shoot into that controlled shooting area. I would like to have a little more security than that. I think we should have an official buffer that would allow for that protection and it would say that we, as a legislative body, do value and do place some emphasis and concern on all of those various species, not just the birds that go through, but the other animals that also tend to need habitat and need to live in that particular area and need some area where they can feel that they're at least not being shot at, or that they're having pellets shot into the area where they're attempting to raise their young. I think at a minimum we could do that. I would ask your support on this section of the amendment and with that I would conclude my opening on the second section. And I will just state again that it allows for a boundary between a game refuge, bird sanctuary and wild fowl sanctuary or reserve that's been designated, not one that somebody thinks is there, or thinks should be, or has given a private designation to. This only deals with the ones that Game and Parks has as an established reserve. And I think at a minimum we could do that to allow for the concern that we have for these other animals. With that I conclude and I thank you for listening.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Preister. On the second portion of the Preister amendment, Senator Maurstad. Senator Maurstad waives off. Senator Maurstad turns his light back on (laugh) and he waives off again. Okay. Senator Preister, there are no lights on, on this amendment, would you care to close?

SENATOR PREISTER: From opening to closing. Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. Yes, I would like to close and I thank you for the opportunity. And I know that right now, except for a few people, this is not of great interest to the body. However, should the amendment that I have before us and the amendment that deals with the importance of the community not be adopted, then I think that we are doing a disservice, not only to this area and these people, but potentially to others in other parts of the state where similar areas could be located. I think that it is important that we look at this and that we give some importance to it. And for those that may not be here now and may have other items of importance pressing, I understand that, but would hope that wherever you are you would