

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Members of the Legislature, it doesn't...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it doesn't seem to me that Senator Preister's amendment is unreasonable. If granting this license would create a threat of harm to adjoining landowners and their property, what's wrong with considering that? When Senator Jones was talking about this takings by the government, I don't see how in the world he can sit by, and those who supported him, and not be concerned about a situation where shooting could interfere with the adjoining landowners' quiet enjoyment of his or her property, or interfere with future development and expansion. That...this is the type of thing which shows to me the inconsistency that is before us in the Legislature, and also that that takings bill...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I stand opposed to Senator Preister's amendment, particularly on the first issue of creating a threat of harm to adjoining property owners. Personally, having lived in the rural areas, I would feel that a controlled shooting area is actually safer than having hunters that can travel the roads and, I know from experience, shoot animals that are in your fields, also drive, possibly, through your fields, cut fences and things of this nature. We have three controlled shooting areas in Seward County and I think all of those have been very successful. They...the property, adjoining property owners have had no problems with those. And I just personally feel that the number also would certainly be restricted. And I'm wondering if Senator Preister could answer a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister, would you respond?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, certainly, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Do you have any idea like how many hunters at a time are on these controlled areas?

SENATOR PREISTER: To my knowledge I don't know that there is a limitation that's placed on them. So it's up to whatever the