

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: (Microphone not activated) ..the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We are about to reconvene for our afternoon activities. Would members please report to the floor and record their presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Quorum is present. The Legislature is in session. Mr. Clerk, LB 209.

CLERK: Mr. President, 209, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Preister. Senator, I have AM2409 in front of me.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister, AM2409. (See pages 2427-28 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. This amendment I will get to as we were having a dialog and trying to work something out on this bill and I'm not as organized and prepared as I would prefer to be, but the amendment is in the Journal so that if anyone wanted to turn to that they would be able to see what it is that we're talking about and I will let you know that this is one that I have drafted again in the public interest and the concern...I've got it...is one that gives definition to public interest. It's what we were discussing as we were talking during the lunch break that we had to try and come to some agreements on and there is some language that we're working on right now that would modify what we're doing with this particular amendment and would incorporate the public interest that would allow the people immediately adjoining an area to at least have more credence given to their concerns, which is the whole reason that I have been dealing with the bill in the first place and, as that language is being worked out, it's something that I am willing to look at and to substitute for this amendment, but at this time, as that's being worked out, I'm going to go ahead and talk about the amendment itself and that is that the people living in this area have come with concern about not only the loss of their enjoyment of the area, and we're talking about the people in the Valley area who live right adjoining or not far from the Platte River and that area being an existing controlled shooting area, a public shooting area that allows for people to come in