

but I think that that was the intent of the Game Commission.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Well, I think the general principle or purpose was for young hunters, but I believe that anybody that's going to be out in the field hunting should be aware of the regulations and should have this training and so I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: I was going to say to continue that I think it is important and I did misspeak about the intent of it, although it was not my intent. I was more concerned about the young folks and getting prepared properly for hunting. But I do think with the number of accidents, and there's some pretty good statistics out there as we learn more about hunting it becomes safer. I do think that the bow and arrow hunting is extremely popular but it's also extremely dangerous and I think that you should be subject to this training.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Beutler to speak to the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, just a couple of short remarks, just pieces of information that you might want to fit into your thinking on this. One, be aware that current bow and arrow hunting law has this January 1, 1999 (sic--1977) date already in current law, so if you're a bow hunter, as time passes, all bow hunters are going to be required to have the education course. That's current law right now so we've traveled down that path as a Legislature to a certain extent already. The second thing is I just wanted you to know that both, with respect to the bow hunters and the firearm hunters, they are all in support of this and I think probably, as a practical matter, the reason that they're all in support of this is simply because they appreciate the sport that they have and they want it to continue to be a sport looked upon favorably, they want to cut down on accidents, they think people should be trained and so for those reasons they are supportive of this current language. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Only is there