

January 25, 1996 LB 338, 584, 847A

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 847 (sic).

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 847A advances. Select File is next on the agenda, LB 584, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, 584, Senator Maurstad, I have Enrollment and Review amendments, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I'd move to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 584.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the motion to adopt E & R amendments to LB 584. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Hillman would move to amend the bill with AM2687. You'll find the amendment found on page 568 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hillman. Senator Hillman, you want to open on your amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker, members. The amendment that we're looking at right now was formally known as LB 338. It did have a public hearing and was advanced to General File. And what it does is it creates what's called the Aquatic Habitat Stamp program in Game and Parks for anglers. This originally came about by about, oh, probably 18 or more public hearings that were held across the state in previous years looking at ways to improve the aquatic habitat. You currently have a program in Game and Parks that looks at habitat when it comes to hunting and so forth and small game, and it's been a very successful program. And they had a habitat stamp whenever you bought a hunting license and all that money went to improve the habitat. It was so successful that in the area of aquatic and fishing and those anglers that enjoy this kind of sport, they were asked to come to public meetings across the state. Again, as I said, I attended one of those and looked at what they could do to improve the aquatic habitat in the state of Nebraska. Our lakes are older, they've been built through different projects, ponds, streams, and they're aging and they