

and let you know as, and reiterate, as Senator Hillman indicated to you, that this bill did come out of Natural Resources Committee. Just for your information, it came out with a substantially higher fee and it came out with acquisition in it as an allowable use of the fund. Senator Hillman has scaled back the fee and eliminated the ability to acquire new habitat. So it's a much more conservative approach at this point in time and I don't think there's...I'm sure that it would be approved by the Natural Resources Committee in this form since it was approved in a more, I don't know if liberal is the right word, Senator Hillman, in a more generous form by the committee when we did pass it out of committee. I wanted to also elaborate a little bit on this conclave that Game and Parks had. They really had quite a few people there. And they developed a document that's quite elaborate, went so far as to go through all the fishing places in the state, classify them as to what types they were, identify what kinds of improvements were needed. I mean it was not just a superficial Game and Parks PR thing. They really sat down with the fishermen and laid it all out for them and let some pretty tough-minded people react to it. And the bottom line reaction was, we need three to four more million dollars a year to take care of these existing fisheries properly. And now we're here today with a proposition that raises, what did you say, Senator Hillman, roughly a million dollars a year. So it's not covering what the fishermen think the needs are, but by only about 24 percent, 25 percent, in that neighborhood. Now maybe their needs aren't four million dollars, but all the material that we looked at indicates that the needs are far in excess of a million dollars a year. So we're hoping, this is probably the, the bill that will do the most good for recreational interests, if you look at that as a broad category, this year in the Legislature, a very important piece of legislation. So I, we hope you will give it very serious attention and hopefully positive attention. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock, on the Hillman amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I just want to call your attention to the cost of hunting and fishing in the state of Nebraska. I'm an individual who very seldom hunts or fishes unless some of my city friends call me up and say let's go hunting or fishing. I currently