

something that really couldn't be done too well, I'm assuming, and this is an assumption on my part, but by volunteer groups. It almost takes some pros to do that. And the other thing is, I guess, though the associations, as you said, have enhanced it, they've also paid for the habitat stamps plus. And so you have those avid, avid sportsmen when it comes to hunting who have chosen to do this. I think what this, what the stamp does is instead of organizing a volunteer group it just says, all, whether you're in state or out of state, if you're going to fish in the state of Nebraska, and we need to improve the aquatic habitat, that we're all going to participate in a small way to do that. And having the stamp also what it does is it keeps that revenue separate so that when the cash fund is created you'll be able to track it very closely and to see how that money is spent and to make sure that it's spent with the intent of the legislation...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...which is on maintenance and improving the lakes that we have. And like the habitat stamp with hunting and that cash fund, you can track those funds very, very carefully. They need approval ahead of time to spend their money and so I think there's a much better oversight and accountability in knowing where that money is spent by doing it through a habitat stamp.

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

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam President and members, I'm kind of like Senator Schrock. I'm not sure whether I'm going to support this or not. I do appreciate what Senator Hillman has done as far as lowering the stamp price and removing the trout stamp, so I think we're gaining some ground also in eliminating the 16-, 17-year-olds from having to purchase this. But along with this I think with LB 584 we are going to have a boat operator's license, which is going to have a fee on it. We also have our park stickers, which have a fee on them. And I think what we're doing is we're making hunting and fishing becoming a rich person's game. I used to love to hunt and like to fish, but as I've got older I have kind of changed my priorities, I now like to hunt and love to fish. And I understand what Senator Hillman is trying to do to improve the fishing, but I also agree with