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this morning he has a guest here from Sidney, Nebraska, Mr. Steve Mattoon. He's under the south balcony. Would you like to stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here this morning. The next speaker on the Hillman amendment, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I talked with Senator Hillman about this earlier and assured her that I didn't have a great deal of opposition to her bill. One of the things I wanted to know, Senator Hillman, this is a part of your original 584, right?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well, it amends 584, yes. Or, 388 (sic) was the original bill. Is that what you're asking? LB 388 (sic) was the original bill to look at having an aquatic habitat stamp bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But the amendment you're putting into (AM)7167 is a part of 584?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: One of the problems that I have and I guess I just need to give you an answer and I think you can very quickly, and that is you discussed about the five dollars for...and couldn't purchase land. I guess the question I have is can you, in fact, use that money for maintenance and upkeep of, for example, other Game and Parks lands, trails, all those types of things? Or is this strictly going to be in a separate account that's going to be only used for the purpose that you have indicated in your opening?

SENATOR HILLMAN: It will be in a separate account. I need to look at the bill, I could tell you the name of it here in just a second. But it will separate, will come up with the separate cash fund that will be called the Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Fund. And it will only be spent on improvement projects on current sites for fishing. It also, any plan that they have to spend that money will have to be approved by the Appropriations Committee and the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, I just wanted to, I just wanted to clear