

fishing fees than probably a whole lot of other issues, so it makes it difficult for me and I want you to know that, Senator Hillman. And I am one of those people who started out fishing with a willow pole. And a lot of the folks that I represent still tend to be more in that category than tend to be in the category of the professional who can afford to buy all of the expensive lures and the other paraphernalia. With that I will conclude and thank the body for its attentiveness to my comments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Chambers, on the Hillman amendment. Oh, thank you. Senator Beutler, on the Hillman amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby and members of the Legislature, I just thought maybe there were a couple of points worth mentioning. I wanted to correct one item that was stated on the floor, I think it was misspoken, but with respect to motorboats, with respect to taxes on the motorboat itself or taxes on a license, this bill, 584, nor anything else that's being done this session, increases any tax on motorboats. And as far as licensing is concerned, we don't have licensing in this state on motorboats, which is a subject, probably, for another day in a year or two. So I just wanted to clarify that. Beyond that I also wanted to point out, perhaps building on what Senator Bromm indicated, that we don't have a lot of natural features in this state that give us the advantage of some built-in recreation. And so everything that we have, especially in the fisheries area, really results from what we've made of this place. We have built huge man-made lakes. What we also don't have is rocky turf. So since they're man-made and since they are very in soils that are sometimes sandy and muddy, we have two problems. We have a tremendous silting problem. Our lakes will fill in over time if we don't work on them. And so all I'm trying to say is that there are some natural costs that are unique to this state in maintaining this kind of recreation or this kind of industry, however you want to look at it, and it's just a sad fact that we have to bear those costs. But I think they are costs worth bearing. But that's part of the explanation of why we need this money today. I also thought that perhaps people would, might want to hear a little bit more about what, what activities are actually involved in, in rehabilitating the habitat. And some of the things that would be included would be dredging and shoreline protection and