

useful information. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I was going to call the question, but this really is a user's fee. There are no tax dollars involved. And really the fishing license, whether we like it or not, is probably the least expensive item in the sport of fishing. And I happened to learn fishing at my brother-in-law's home in Lyons, Nebraska, in a little lagoon that the town had. And so many of these little areas now are, have deteriorated to the point where there are not fish in them. Really, if we want to keep Nebraskans in Nebraska, I think that we need to provide the habitat, the aquatic fishing that will allow them to stay here. Certainly the price of bait would sometimes even rival the five dollars that you would spend, and so for that, we do have, like Senator Preister said, the chicken or the egg, either we improve the fishing or we lose it altogether. And then we have people going outside the state for that recreation which could be had here. Senator Jones would like to have a little bit of time, and so I'll give the rest of my time to him.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Jones, you have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, at the time this bill come out last year, 338, I got a lot of calls from my district. They didn't like it because it was going to raise the fishing fee up to \$22.50, which is, was way out of line and they was, and they also had the acquisition of land in it. And that part has been taken out, that has left some fears, but it's still going to add up a lot of money when you're talking about it can go to \$18.50 right now if you want to get a fishing license and get this aquatic stamp just to fish. And so if you happen to take your family, and you're talking three times that, so I've got a, you know, just a lot of calls on it last year, but nothing much this year because they probably didn't realize it was going to come up this quick. But anyway, with that in mind, I'm going to have a terrible time supporting it because of the calls that I did receive last year on it. So I just wanted to make them comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Schmitt.