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SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam President and members, I just have a couple questions, I guess, of Senator Avery and then a couple of comments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Avery.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Senator Avery,...

SENATOR AVERY: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMITT: ...do you know whether South Dakota or Kansas has this aquatic stamp?

SENATOR AVERY: I don't know right now for sure. I've got some information I called for and it'll be here in five or ten minutes. I hope to find out. But I know some of the others. In terms of Missouri, uses one-tenth of the sales tax that goes to their Game and Fish Department, and they've put a lot of those resources in in improving fishing there.

SENATOR SCHMITT: I guess the question I have, and I'm still not sure whether I'm going to support this or not, but fishing in South Dakota and Kansas, to me, is very good. I've been to both. There's an awful lot of private lakes in Nebraska that are real good. One thing, I think, that's caused a lot of problems on the bigger lakes is boating, again, and I stand corrected, Senator Beutler, on that boating permit and I appreciate that, I apparently missed that somewhere. But there's five mile an hour speed limits back in the bays on these big lakes, and that's not being enforced, and there's an awful lot of wash coming off of this from the boats and this causes problems for fish. I just think that the Game Commission needs to take a closer look at what they're doing to prevent some of the problems that are out there. Also with stocking, we've got the new Calamus Lake out there. The people out there wanted white bass, they wanted crappie in it. I guess crappie has been stocked in it now, but in early part of the lake it hadn't been. These are things that people in my district are real upset with, and we got a lot of lakes and a lot of water in my district. But these are just comments I wanted to make and I will yield the rest of my time to Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hilgert.