

this idea and I said I'd introduce a bill. I later learned that 44 states have a free fishing day. Jim Jones always has...already has an idea there should be two free fishing days so you can drive out to his area of the state and have a little more economic development out there. But basically the idea is to let families, novice fishermen go out and take a day to themselves and fish without having to buy the annual license. I was surprised and delighted to have the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission support the bill. I realized, later on, that this one free day allows you to go to one of those state parks without paying a permit on that day. And my guess is that people who go out will see what beautiful state parks we have and they'll want to come back. We'll probably be selling more permits when people get out to see those parks, going out on that free fishing day. I do see in the committee report, and I must have left early because I didn't see that Ariel, The Little Mermaid, opposed the bill, representing Her Friends Under the Sea, and then in a neutral capacity Sebastian the Crab representing His Orchestra. (Laughter) It'll be going into the permanent record on my bill here, history is made. I urge the advancement of 923, a free fishing day for Nebraskans.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Landis, is there a possibility that you could add into the bill that you would also furnish the fishing equipment for those of us who are not very well stocked with fish equipment? Could that be added in?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, actually I think it's a little bit more reasonable than Senator McKenzie's demand, that there be free beer on that same day. So maybe we can work that in.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Laughs) Well some of us have such bad luck when we can go fishing, you might have some guarantee in there that we would go home with some fish. But being that, I'll...that's enough, thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bernard-Stevens.