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on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: I rise to oppose this amendment. No, I'm just kidding. Thank you. (Laughter.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...Senator Hilgert, there are no lights, did you wish to close on the Smith amendment? We are voting on AM1682 to LB 176. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Smith amendment. Have you all voted? Have you voted? We are voting on...record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Smith's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Smith amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Schrock, AM1145. (Legislative Journal page 1464.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the Game and Parks trailer bill, and a lot of it deals with increasing fines for poaching or the illegal taking of game animals. Unfortunately, we are kind of archaic in our fines in this state. In some cases, it's almost cheaper to poach the animal and pay the fine than it is to buy the license. So there...this is a fairly detailed amendment. And Senator Chambers became concerned because it increases fines. He has had a chance to look at part of it, but has asked for more time. And so I will be withdrawing this amendment and refileing it on Select File. Senator Chambers agreed that he would probably be supportive. There may be a couple modifications that we can do to accommodate some of his concerns, or any other concerns that members of the legislative body would have. At that time, I would like to have a printout for you, telling exactly what the increases would be and for what fines. And so we will have a lengthy printout at that time, showing you what this amendment does. But for the time being, I would urge you, if you are interested in this, to take a look at the amendment. And for the time being, I will withdraw it and offer it on Select File.