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one, wouldn't it?

SENATOR STUHR: I don't believe so, because I think this is very modest.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Stuhr.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr, under the rules, after the IPP motion is opened on, the introducer of the bill has the opportunity to speak for five minutes, notwithstanding there are other lights on. Do you wish to take that time at this time?

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I wish to oppose the IPP motion. And I hope that people do understand that this is only to allow and set a cap on the permits and the fees. And talking about, it was in 1993 when that last cap was set. Now, I will share with you that there is no plan immediately to raise the fees. Last year, in 2002, you will notice on the one handout, the nonresident fees were increased, the hunting, the three-day fishing, the nonresident fish, and the nonresident deer. And that was actually...there was a range of the hunting from \$55 to \$72, and set at \$67. We look at South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, those are all higher fees than what we have established. So I think that we're being very modest in the approach. There are increased costs, as Senator Wehrbein pointed out. This...these fees are put into the cash fund, and used in wildlife management, in weed control, in disease control, enforcement, and of various other things related to hunting and fishing. Also, before there is any suggestion that a commissioner might want to raise a fee, there needs to be a public hearing. And this is where citizens can come in then and state their opposition or their support. As I mentioned before, the Sportsmens Clubs throughout Nebraska did support this increase. They realized it had been ten years, and that they were willing to look at just increasing that cap, or that range in which fees might be increased. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Beutler.