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in some areas. And that is an area where the chronic wasting disease has...there are a few people that have lost their lives eating that tainted carcasses from those deer. So I don't want to see this state get in the position where we have to go in and start eliminating the deer population because of the chronic wasting disease. I have thought that over the last few years the Game and Parks has done a fine job in allowing landowner permits. I think they should increase that.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I believe that if a landowner has an overabundance of deer on their property, they should be able to take those deer down to the proper concentration of those animals on their land. If nothing else, for the animals' existence themselves. I believe that you're going to see more controlled areas on pheasants. I have taken my grandson to one controlled area that have...they have a game farm where they release these birds. And it's pretty nice. It's a pretty nice place to go when the pheasant population was so scant in Nebraska. Now, with the drought, though, the population of pheasants has increased, because less rain in the spring means that they get a better hatch on those pheasant eggs.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I want to make it clear that I am not opposed to the culling of herds when necessary. There are people who kill animals for food. I'm not talking about that. When I talk about hunting, I shouldn't even use that word. Hunting, to my mind, carries the notion of matching your wits and your skills against the animal that you want to bag or bring down. But how in the world can the term "sport" or "hunting" be applied when you're going to use decoys