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I don't know if there is any money in the budget for those private, church-connected schools. Well, I'm going to fight tooth and nail on that. So we've got a long hard battle on the mainline budget bill, and we're going to take all this time on something like this because Game and Parks runs the Legislature, and I resent that because I should run the Legislature. How many times have you heard me say that? You heard me talking about territoriality, didn't you? Well, Game and Parks is on my territory, trying to wrest something from my control, and you think I'm going to let them do it easily? This is a titanic struggle between the Game and Parks Commission and myself, Senator Chambers. The rest of the senators are just onlookers, just going along for the ride, because Game and Parks has plugged into them that this bill is that important. What difference does it make to me what bill I'm expressing my view on? We're going to be here a total of 90 days. In some way or other, I'm going to get into the record my view on this stuff. From time to time, when interviewed, I will remind a reporter that I had been very critical of and fought against a bill that railroaded through the Legislature, point out that I noted how that thing would operate. The most recent was the Union Pacific bill and how I had argued that they're not talking about creating new jobs in Nebraska; they're going to bring other people here, and when they do that, everybody who is brought here from someplace else by Union Pacific is one less job available to a Nebraskan. But you all went for it, because bigness intimidates you. Now I want to ask Senator Stuhr a question about something she had mentioned to us earlier, because on this motion I have enough time to explore it. Senator Stuhr, you mentioned earlier a report that talked about how much money comes into the state as a result of hunting activities. Do you remember mentioning that?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you tell me who produced that study?

SENATOR STUHR: The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that study applies, the part you're