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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Schrock, not personally being a big game hunter, or acquainted, as familiar maybe as some of the rest of you are with game preserves or hunting preserves in the state of Nebraska, is...anywhere else in the state, is there a situation similar to this anywhere else in the state, where we seem to have the species of wild boar or pigs? And that seems to be a semantics on whether we have pigs, hogs, boars. Is there anything else like this in the state?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Byars, there is not. And I would point out, it has always been illegal to import, possess, or hunt wild pigs or wild boars in this state. And of course, Mr. Meints has advertised wild boar hunts. And when you come on...when Game and Parks has tried to get information from him, he says they're not wild pigs, they're domestic pigs, but they're a subspecies or a species. And it's hard to tell if the European wild pig is a wild boar or domestic animal or whatever. And so we get confused as to whether it's domestic or wild. And actually, if you turn domestic pigs loose, they can become of a wild nature and survive. And when their eye teeth aren't clipped and their tails aren't docked, after running loose in the wild for about three or four years, they can look like wild pigs, or take on some of that resemblance. And so it's always been illegal to hunt the Tayassuidae, or to possess them, in this state, because of the environmental damage they can cause to the landscape should they become loose. And then they can become very prolific also. And so Game and Parks has had domestic pigs loose in the past that they've had to clean up, because they do become of a wild nature. And of course, they can crossbreed (inaudible)...

SENATOR BYARS: Okay, Senator Schrock. I think I have an adequate answer there. But my next question is, if it has always been illegal, why do we need special legislation within LB 305 to deal with it at this point?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Because when Game and Parks goes down there, he has been claiming that they are members of the Suidae family, which is domestic pigs. And...