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talking about, but I think the sticking point is the education side of this. Majority of other states have, in fact, let me look at my notes here, 19 other states require mandatory education, mandatory, not subject to an age, nothing. Those individuals would immediately gain access to our waters because they passed the test. The test that would be offered, the course that would be offered in Nebraska would be no different than those, because it would be a nationally standardized test that would be offered. The course would cover similar issues, have the Nebraska law specific in there. Those individuals who come across the I-76 corridor into McConaughy, they're stopped, they show them their permit, good to go and away you go. We're working on some discussion, but let me share this. I think this is the bigger issue. I think what we need to do as a body is to adopt an amendment today, whether it's AM1033, or whether it be something that Senator Wehrbein is going to offer as his amendment, or Senator Hudkins, and let me tell you why. LB 305 is the only chance we have if there's ever going to be an amendment to game law this session. It's the only bill left. If there was another bill, we wouldn't be doing this. If we vote down my amendment or if we don't return, this bill is on Final Reading, it passes, we might have hamstrung ourselves, Senator Bourne, and from that standpoint I think we owe it to ourselves to give us a lot of flexibility in this discussion. The other thing is, is that I would offer to bring my amendment at a later date, assuming we would approve one of the other ones, and work with individuals who are concerned. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman and Senator Stuhr. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I serve on the Natural Resources Committee and I am one of the members who also voted to advance the bill. As has been stated, it was a unanimous vote out of the committee. I did so because there are several concerns. One of the issues raised on the floor was that the last time this bill came up, when Senator Hilgert introduced it, we had lots of debate. Well, that's part of it. It's had a number of public hearings. It's been in the limelight for years, and we have had lots of opportunity to