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with more than 250,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's Office, making it the second of seven statewide measures likely to appear on the November ballot. So make no mistake about it, there is a war by a small minority of people on to fight the right to trap and hunt. I don't think...I think Senator Chambers is correct in that there...I've not seen initiatives to prevent people from fishing. But this does serve a good purpose. It does feed a lot of families and it is a right that could be infringed upon in the future, and it's certainly supported by the people in my district. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Stuhr, on the amendment.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I want to take this opportunity to voice my opinion in support of this constitutional amendment. Although I don't personally hunt or trap, I do enjoy fishing; do it only rarely now. But I think that one has to only look across the ocean to Great Britain to see that it is possible, in fact, to have serious efforts to outlaw hunting, fishing, and trapping. In fact, I believe that in the unforeseeable future in our state that there is the possibility that our children and our grandchildren could be faced with the movement of pushing a ban on these sporting activities. Hunting, fishing, and trapping have been a part of our country and our state heritage, and I believe it is something that we should preserve for future generations. These sports do provide an opportunity for comradery, for shared experience, for families sharing an enjoyment of a sport together, and those are only some of the reasons that I do support this constitutional amendment. And I did find in my file also some documentation on how many fishermen we have in this state. This was taken...this survey was taken in 2001 by the national survey by the Department of Interior and the Nebraska Annual Social Indicator Study by the University of Nebraska. It states that probably the total fishermen that we have in Nebraska exceeds 560,000 people. That's only fishermen. Hunters, probably over 213,000; trappers, probably around 4,600. So you can see by these figures that we do have a great deal of interest in these sporting activities. Therefore, I do support this