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constitutional amendment and hope that it can be supported and passed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Janssen, Chambers amendment to LR 4CA.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. members of the Legislature, we could probably all stand here and tell stories of our youth, how we went hunting and fishing and so on and so forth, but...and I did the same thing. My father and grandfather were avid users of God's creation that provided food for our ancestors. When our ancestors traveled across this great state of ours, there was an abundance of wildlife and that sustained them as they made their trip across this land of ours that we call Nebraska. I, too, have fond memories of going with my father and grandfather, but there was one thing that I was taught at a very young age, and that was to only take the life of something that you will eat, do not destroy it for the sake of destroying it, and I believe that should be drilled into the heads of young people, which I believe there are organizations that do this; that say, you know, if you're going to go out there and do hunting and so on and so forth that do it for the purpose that it was meant to be, and that was to provide food for the human race. I like the amendment. I think it's short. I don't believe we should clutter up our constitution with all kinds of fancy words and long parts of that amendment to be put into our constitution. And it is better than a petition. I believe that this body should be the ones to put things into our constitution. And I look at the...at the environmentalists and say, you know, you should appreciate this; you should appreciate it because of the fact that people like Senator Schrock is taking advantage of this institution to do something for the control of wildlife. If you let wildlife multiply and multiply and multiply, you are going to see things like the chronic wasting disease that we have amongst our deer population at the present time destroying those animals. That is Mother Nature's way of thinning out that population. Environmentalists also know that an overabundance of, say, rabbits, squirrels, fish in some cases can overcome a lake and ruin the good fishing in that lake. So I believe that, Senator Schrock, for what it's worth, I am going to support your idea and hope that my colleagues do