

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

January 13, 2004 LR 4

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, if I may, could I go over some things with you just to make a bit of a record here?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Certainly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The language of the constitution would pro...would make the right to fish and trap and hunt subject to reasonable restrictions as prescribed by law; that is, it can be controlled by the Legislature so long as the restrictions are reasonable.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You are familiar, in your work for the past few years as Chair of the Natural Resources Commission (sic), with the laws of the Game and Parks Commission and all the game laws and, generally speaking, the whole body of law. Is it your intent or do you believe that this language "reasonable restriction" would adversely affect any law in Chapter 37 or any law relating to game, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing that currently exists in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I don't think this would be in conflict with any of our current regulations as spelled out by Game and Parks.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. One of the things that Game and Parks has the power to do right now is to define certain birds, for example, as game birds and essentially prohibit the hunting of all other kinds of birds by virtue of not permitting them and classifying them as game birds. And I assume that that process is an okay process under this constitutional amendment as you intend it. Would that be correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I certainly wouldn't think there would be a