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outdoor heritage from the ever-increasing threat of antihunting and trapping organizations, which represent a small minority of all Americans. So I would say that would probably address to the Senator's concern, who does derive more income from airplanes. We're talking about a tradition. It's a time-honored tradition. It's part of our heritage here in Nebraska, the right to hunt, trap, and fish, so it's more than just the income producing. It's recognizing that it is part of our heritage and certainly one that we want to preserve as it is and not to be infringed upon by fringe outside minority groups who may come in here to try to do something about it. Living in a state where these activities have long been taken for granted, I believe Nebraskans would give the same level of support to LR 4CA, if provided the opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration. And again, as to the...you know, we have another LR that is pending on gambling and, again, if the people in my district want me to bring it, I'm going to support it and vote for it. I agree with Senator Chambers. If that's something the people want then we should put it before them. We should not be a stumbling block when we have a vast majority of supporters saying that that's what they want. They're the other house of our Legislature--the people of Nebraska. The people have spoken, so let's support this and get it through. I am in support of LR 4CA and I ask for yours also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Mines, on the Chambers amendment to LR 4CA.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly, I thought I better get up and say something about this because I'm a member of the Nebraska sportsmen group that Senator Schrock heads up, and support, in concept, what they believe in. I don't hunt, I don't fish, but I support their right to do so. Given that, I can't support this just simply because it's a constitutional change. We're using constitutional...the constitution for an administrative change and I don't believe that's the right way to go. If it were in another form, if it were a resolution or, excuse me, if it would be a bill, I certainly would support that, but not in our constitution. So I just wanted to let Senator Schrock and everyone else know that I can't support LR 4CA in its present form. And if Senator