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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...may they hunt. And the names of the creatures that they can hunt are specified. So you should not say, they shall only hunt these animals when accompanied by a person, because you could leave the implication that when not accompanied, they can hunt anything. But even if that is not what you would gather as an implication, it would be better to place words that are going to limit what a person can do where that word should be placed, so there is no ambiguity or confusion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, I see what you're getting at there, but I think if you're 12 to 15, you can hunt quail and pheasants without being accompanied by an adult. So if we can help clarify that up, I'm with you there, but I'm not quite sure where we're at on that. And, yeah, I'm sure you can read it better than I can, but right now you don't have to be accompanied by an adult to hunt some of those other species. I want to just...so we could probably work with you on that. I just want to talk a little bit about the role of Game and Parks in the state. Game and Parks' facilities cumulatively are the number one tourist attractions in the state of Nebraska, and they have continually gotten less money, state money, from the Appropriations Committee to operate their facilities, so they're more dependent on fees for hunting, fishing, and park fees and camping fees. They're more dependent on that all the time for their revenue. Now if there's someone in here that wants to keep the daily park fee at \$3, but let's appropriate more money from the General Fund to keep our parks open, that would be fine with me. That would be fine with Game and Parks. But I think it would be an injustice to the state of Nebraska and to our parks if we don't allow Game and Parks to have a reasonable fee so they can maintain their parks. Four dollars is pretty cheap, you know. I went to a basketball game last night and the ticket was 25 bucks. I think you can get a lot of entertainment for a \$4 fee and a car...and you can put the whole family in the car, you all get in for four bucks. That's pretty good entertainment value in this state. But you know, I'd like to work with Senator Chambers on this, but I think it's very important to