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entire amount. But there will be occasions when it will be appropriate for them to do that, and they can do that. So I would support the amendment, and would encourage your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. On with discussion. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Reading the amendment, I have a couple of questions to ask of Senator Stuhr, if she would respond, please. Senator Stuhr, I see where there will be 25 permits auctioned off for deer, to harvest deer. Is that correct?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, I believe so.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, all right. And then how many of these...that would be for a single taking, then, of one animal, one of the species?

SENATOR STUHR: I believe it says up to 25 permits, yes, for deer and wild turkey. So I believe it's the combination of those.

SENATOR JANSSEN: How did you derive at the 25? Is that a reasonable number? Or is it for the fact that there are too many deer in a lot of areas now, and the possibility of enhancing that hunting would occur from this?

SENATOR STUHR: I'm not sure, but I can find out for you. I know the main thing was that we had a specified number, rather than a percentage, which was in the original bill.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, the reason I...thank you, Senator Stuhr. The reason I'm asking these questions, I know that the deer population in a lot of areas in this state is getting to the point of saturation. You can drive down the highways or county roads and see deer just about any time of the year being hit by automobiles, so on. At one time, there were very, very few deer in the state of Nebraska. And I believe the flood on the