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did discuss it briefly on the floor, but because of time constraints I did not pursue it. So I'm asking you to consider this. It did come out of committee with an 8 to 0 vote. And you now have...you are now being given a rather glossy piece of information that tells the importance of hunting, fishing, and trapping in the state of Nebraska, and it compares it to other states. So Nebraska is a wonderful place to live. It provides great opportunities for this type of activity. It's a type of activity that I grew up with. I think it's something that's probably part of our heritage. It's a type of activity that my sons enjoy. It's a type of activity that a lot of my friends partake in. The first day of pheasant season is a big deal in my area of the state. The first day of deer season is a big issue in my area of the state. Everybody is excited. The first day of deer season I can have all the football tickets I want to the Nebraska football game because everybody is deer hunting in my family. So I'm asking you to consider this. I know it's controversial. I know my friend Senator Chambers has many amendments and, by golly, by the way, I believe the first one we kind of like, Senator Chambers, so you will have your say on this. This might take a lot of time, depending on the debate, but I would ask you to give this fair consideration, I think that's only fair, and let's see where this goes. I will say this. If it isn't passed this year and put on the ballot, the issue will be back next year. If it doesn't happen next year, the issue will be back after that. It will be back after I'm gone. Somebody will carry this. The sportsmen will keep putting this out there. They do want this to be put on the ballot. I'm going to be attending a Pheasants Forever banquet in Holdrege Friday night. It's going to be a topic of conversation. And so we can go on and on, Ducks Unlimited, there's a turkey organization, all these sportsmen organizations are supporting this and they raise a lot of money at these funds to protect our habitat, to protect the environment. And so I have brought this to you this morning. I hope that you will help me in advancing this constitutional amendment to the ballot through the three rounds of debate that we shall have on it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on LR 8CA. We're now open for discussion. Mr. Clerk,