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he taught me a lot of things about hunting, fishing, and even trapping. Several years go, we probably had this wildlife in the state on the brink of disaster because we were overdoing it. We were trapping a lot of fish and shooting a lot of the waterfowl and so on, and we were depleting that...the wildlife, not only in this state but across the country. And then organizations like Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, they came on board, seeing what was happening, and started to hold classes for young people and show them that the abundance of wildlife we had, not only in this state but across the nation, was there for a reason and it should be protected. And through education and conservation, these organizations have helped to maintain what I had when I was a young man and what my father had when he was a young man, and through the conservation, the pheasants, and we're seeing more ducks and pheasants and that is one of the reasons why, you know. We get into fishing. I think a lot of the problems there have come from industrial pollution and so on, so forth, has hurt the fish in this state, not only in this state but across the nation. We do have people from all over the country and other countries also that come to Nebraska, enjoy some of the outdoor activities that we have in this state. South Dakota has done a lot with their pheasant population and through government holdbacks on agriculture and the...I can't remember what they call them now, soil banks, so on, so forth, have given a lot of cover for these...the pheasants in that state. So I know we have...I live on a highway that kind of goes right up into South Dakota, and several of those hunters will stop at my store and buy hunting needs, and so on, so forth, and food to take up to South Dakota, and they make it an annual trip. But with the conservation we have in this state, I think you're seeing more of that, more of the wildlife is coming back again. And so whether this...whether this amendment helps, I can't see that it hurts anything. The constitutional amendment, I believe it just...it more or less says that we do have the right to hunt, fish, and trap. So I'm going to support Senator Chambers'...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...amendment and the underlying bill. Thank you.