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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, stand in support of the amendment and also Senator Chambers' amendment. As has been mentioned, ten states already have passed similar legislation, including amendments that primarily, I feel, because of the declining population in rural areas, and also then with the upcoming changes respectively then in those Legislatures. Also I see that we do have an increased number of animal right groups, and I think that we all realize that these groups have tremendous amounts of money that can influence opinions. I am supportive of this measure. I believe hunting, fishing, and trapping are important to the cultural and economic aspects of our state. Although I do not personally hunt or trap and have not fished recently, I know that there are many members and many constituents in the 24th District that do partake of these activities frequently. I will be supporting this amendment because one only has to look across the ocean to Great Britain to see that it is possible, in fact, to have serious efforts to outlaw sporting activities. I know that it may not seem possible in our country, but we may some time be forced with a movement that would put a ban on hunting, fishing, and trapping. I believe that these activities are part of our country and our state's heritage, and I believe that it is something that should be preserved for future generations. Not only do these sports, as have been mentioned before, are important, I believe, in shared family experiences, also enjoyment, but they do impact our state's economy. Those are just some of the reasons that I will be supporting this constitutional amendment to protect our sporting activities for our future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I kind of have to ask myself, why don't we want to put something on the ballot that probably 75 to 80 percent of the people will vote for? And I can tell you the Sportsmen Foundation is very dedicated to running a campaign that will promote this constitutional amendment, should we be able to put it on the