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the federal government provides matching funds of up to approximately \$35 for every permit for hunters and anglers sold for at least \$5. The amendment also provides that the permit holder who is deployed out of the state of Nebraska for the entire season of the permit may apply for a discounted permit and receive such permit upon showing that the permit holder had an original permit, and evidence of his or her deployment. If the permit holder does not want a discounted permit, he or she may request a refund of the amount paid for a big game permit. What this says, if you're deployed and you can't use the big game permit that you applied for, you can get your money back, which is something that they're doing now, although they probably don't have the correct authority for it; or you can hold on to that permit and then at a future date--it doesn't have to be the next year--future time, you can get that...you can get a permit for \$5. Sometimes these permits are hard to come by. The permits we're talking about are for a deer permit, which costs \$26; an antelope permit, which costs \$26; an elk permit, which costs \$130; a fee for mountain sheep permit, which is a \$20 for an application fee to be a part of the lottery; and a fee for a wild turkey permit, which is \$21. So I would ask you to support the committee amendment. It seems like the fair thing to do. If a member of our National Guard or a Reservist is called into deployment and they can't utilize the permit that they have bought, they should be able to get their money back or get another permit for \$5 at a date down the road. With that, I would ask for your support on the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Is there any discussion on the floor on AM0664? No one has lighted in. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM0664 be adopted? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: AM0664 is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.