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outlaw fishing, hunting, and trapping, that Legislature might outlaw walking also. There are a lot of special interest groups who would like people not to walk. They'd like them to ride scooters, vehicles with four wheels, dirt bikes, motorbikes, motorcycles. So walking is at risk also. My amendments get into the spirit of what this thing that Senator Schrock is bringing us really entails--befouling the constitution. I handed out a copy of a letter from a former judge, Mark Buchholz, from Lincoln. It's dated March 1, and it says the following. Dear Senator Chambers, I applaud and firmly support your efforts to block the attempt to trivialize and pollute the Nebraska Constitution with such trash as the proposed right to, quote, hunt, trap, fish, and kill, unquote, amendment. putting forth of the amendment is a brazen attempt to disguise as a civil right the moral weaknesses of those people who derive pleasure from the stalking, torture, and killing of God's most innocent and defenseless creatures. It deserves to be condemned in the strongest terms. Thank you for standing firm. sincerely yours. I have gotten similar responses from people who could be deemed to have an understanding of what a constitution is and what its purpose is. A constitution is the fundamental or organic law of the state. Every enactment by the Legislature has to conform to the requirements of constitution. My job is to try to persuade those whose ancestors wrote this constitution that it ought to be protected from the trivialization and the befouling of the document. Senator Schrock knows good and well that no Legislature in Nebraska is going to outlaw fishing, hunting, and trapping. Would I like to see hunting abolished? I certainly would. Would I like to see trapping outlawed? I certainly would. as for fishing, when I hear people complaining about sitting out all day and being nibbled on by mosquitos and other things that inhabit that part of the terrain, fishing is all right. And I don't know that people would be so likely to cut off a fish's head and stick it on their wall. Those people who hunt, the people that Senator Schrock is so concerned about, do things in other parts of the country and the world. And I don't know if he's proud of them or not. But since he's bringing up what happens in other states, I will do the same. On one of the national network news programs, there was a feature on how the federal treasury is plundered by these hunters, so-called big