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act...type of activity. And there are very few trophy animals in this state that would command much money. Most of the people that do that type of activity, or that...the taxidermists in this state do a lot of deer, do a lot of fish. But most of them would not be the type of thing that would be deductible as an income tax write-off if they donate it to a museum or that type of activity. But as far as going to Africa, which I think you referred to, and shooting some large game species and doing that type...I think every situation is different there, depending on the individual who did it and for what reason, I think, makes a lot of difference. I do want to remind the body that the Game and Parks Commission, who are eight commissioners, who are appointed by the Governor--Senator Chambers, we've had our difference in the past on that issue, too--have unanimously endorsed and passed a resolution endorsing this constitutional amendment. I do find it rather interesting that this judge would send a letter. And his type of activity...his type of attitude is one of the things that we need to protect against. And when the majority of the people get to thinking that way about a certain issue, that's when we have...start to have trouble. And I see more of that creeping in all the time. And that's why I'm concerned, and that's why I think we should do this. I do think it bears protection in the constitution. I would also say, the constitution belongs to the people of the state. And unless I'm incorrect, the people can put anything they want to in it. And 14 states have seen fit to do this by a very large majority. And I think Nebraska would be no different. And I don't think we can ignore what other states do around us. And we want to do this so we don't become one of the targeted states. And that's the reason I've been willing to do this. And so I do oppose your amendment, or I respectfully oppose that. And looking forward to the afternoon activities, Senator Chambers. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. On with discussion. Senator Chambers, on your amendment to LR 8CA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, not only is Senator Schrock a worthy opponent; he is a respectful one. And I respect him, too. It's just that I don't respect what he's doing. If, as he indicated, a majority of the