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think that hunting and fishing may be done away with, perhaps bird-watching may be done away with. So she wants that protected in the constitution, too. How harmful would it be to the constitution to protect bird-watching? Who would be harmed by putting that in the constitution? Who would be harmed...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by putting into the constitution that catfish are uglier than salmon, or that a hare can run faster than a tortoise, or a turtle, or a terrapin? Who could object to that? It's true. But you don't want that in the constitution. Wait a minute. Strike that. You might want it in the constitution, so I'm not going to suggest those things to make a point. Because a light may go on in your brain, and you'll say, aha, that is something that the constitution needs to protect. I'm offering my amendments satirically. The items that I'm recommending be in the constitution where they will receive protection are items of value. But there is no likelihood that they are going to be abolished or infringed by a Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, you are accusing me of trying to trivialize the constitution. Well, you're...you can't hear me? You are saying that I'm trying to trivialize the constitution, and that these sportsmen are afraid of their own shadow. I prefer to say that we're being vigilant. When an organization like PETA has the audacity to ask the Governor of the state of Nebraska to ban the fishing of channel catfish, that just blows me away. I don't understand that. And are they serious? I don't see how they can be serious. But it's that type of activity that I think it behooves us to be vigilant of the type of activities that we now take for granted, and that we not take them for granted. And so you can say what you want, and I respect you for that. But I think the best word I can use is, we want to be vigilant. And I hope you understand that. Thank you.