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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion, Senator Kopplin.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Senator Cudaback and members of the Legislature, I love to fish. I've been enjoying the streams and rivers of Nebraska since I was just a youngster. It's not so much the catching of the fish, I love the isolation, the bright pink of the morning sky, the mist on the waters. I love the anticipation, that wonderful orange of a setting sun. I never had a dad, so an uncle taught me how to fish. Our equipment was no more than a hook and a bobber on a line that we tied to a branch we cut off the tree, but that's good enough to catch bullheads. We fished because we enjoyed it. We fished because sometimes the only food we had was what we caught. And while we fished, he taught me many things. He taught me to love the earth and he taught me to respect life. And when I turned 16 and started to hang around with Mary Lou, I taught her to fish. She says it was either go fish or stay home. But she came to love the sport, and I remember with great fondness and pride watching her pull master angler drum out of the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam. And I taught my children how to fish. We spent many hours on the banks of the Nemaha in Johnson County. We'd watch the wildlife, we'd talk, and we'd catch a few catfish. And I taught my grandchildren how to fish. The thrill of watching a child wrestle a four or five pound carp out of a lake stays with you a long time. And when I see my 16-year-old grandson leave in the boat with his dad to try to tease a few bass out of the brush, I'm thankful, thankful that he's fishing and not doing one of the other hundred things that teenagers get in trouble for. Last summer I went to my camper one day and there was my rod and reel at the door. It had the biggest old tangle in it you ever saw. It seems my five-year-old granddaughter had a few problems with it when she was fishing for bluegill off the dock. She wouldn't let her daddy take the tangle out because her grandpa knows how to fix these things. And I'm looking forward to teaching my two-year-old grandson how to fish. I think I'll take him maybe to Two Rivers or someplace like that and help him catch a trout or two. And while we're there, I'll teach him to respect the water and I'll teach him to leave the place cleaner than when we got there. There are those who would like to see experiences