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European ancestry probably started to settle this state about 150 years ago, and I would say trapping was an important part then. I think it still is. I think it's still viable.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, let's say trapping in 2050 was not a part of our...was not what people thought was reasonable at that point in time. What about the year 2025? If they thought that in the year 2025, would it be okay for the Legislature to prohibit trapping altogether?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'd say there's going to be some people out there that are going to be very concerned about that. And the problem is...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But I'm just saying hypothetically. If in fact the people in 2025 thought that trapping...a strong majority of them thought that trapping was inappropriate for our civilized point...at that civilized...at that point in time for civilization, whatever we define civilization to be, and I'm obviously...

SENATOR SCHROCK: And then I'll answer that with a question, and then let's say 2050, they determine that hunting is not a reasonable activity.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, let's answer the questions first and then I'll answer your question, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: All right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In 2025, 80 percent of the people are against trapping. Can the Legislature reasonably prohibit trapping altogether?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I have concerns, if that's the case. You know, they tried to pass...