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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...cluttering the constitution, creating conflict...potentially conflicting provisions which will make it easier for lawyers, harder for the simple people, and in the end, not doing the people who want this so bad any particular great favor. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock, your light is on next but you have already spoken three times on this amendment. Senator Flood, your light is on.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As I got a lesson in constitutional law this morning and I thought I would stand up and contribute to the conversation that Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers were having with Senator Schrock. And I guess maybe a quick review of the three levels of constitutional scrutiny would be in order because I think, Senator Beutler, you shared some of your concerns about the level at which a court would interpret a statute or a regulation from Game and Parks and its bearing on hunting, fishing, trapping. All this legis...or all that LR 8CA attempts to do, by putting this in the constitution, is to change the burden that a court would interpret a rule or a statute--when I say rule, I mean regulation--from a rational to a reasonable level of scrutiny, not strict level but rational to reasonable. And the difference that I think you were attempting to articulate, and we will probably disagree on the merit of LR 8CA, but we go from a legitimate government interest to an important government interest. And that's significant to me because across this state, and in my legislative district, I can reasonably say that the right to hunt, fish and trap is an important interest of my constituents, so important that they have voiced support for a constitutional amendment, raising that level of constitutional scrutiny from a rational to a reasonable basis. In the early 1980s, protecting the family farm was that important that Nebraskans raised the constitutional scrutiny by putting I-300 in our constitution. Today, Nebraskans are looking at the efforts of some groups that have organized across the United States in an effort to protect animal rights, and they see those groups' efforts as a threat to a Nebraskan's right to fish, hunt or trap. I think those concerns are legitimate, and I know that