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Senator Schrock would not stick his hand in a meat grinder if he did not see the benefit of protecting the right of Nebraskans to hunt, fish and trap. Putting this on the ballot makes sense. Putting this on the ballot gives Nebraskans an opportunity to us, as the Legislature, and our...and the Nebraska tell Constitution what we value. And this right to hunt, fish and trap is valued by Nebraskans. Let's have this debate in Omaha, let's have this debate in Scottsbluff, in Norfolk and Grand Island, in the rural areas. Go out to the coffee shops and ask people whether this belongs in the constitution. them what this does in the constitution. And I'm confident the answer would be, it belongs there. That's why I support it, and I'm sure that I'll be subject to some questions about, you know, what else should we put in the constitution? The right to fish, hunt and trap, I think down the road, does face serious opposition or efforts by groups to put something on the ballot. What would this do to a petition? Well, a petition would not be successful to ban hunting of any certain animal unless the petition first in its only issue would directly repeal any constitutional amendment that was adopted by the people of Nebraska. The second step for a group, if they were successful in repealing this, that's assuming this is already in the constitution, would be to restrict...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...whatever type of hunting, fishing, trapping that they wanted. That's how I would read it. That's how I see it. Legally, I think that's how it would proceed. If I'm incorrect, I would appreciate your insight and correction, but I think that's the goal of this and that's why at this point I support it. Maybe there's another way to do this. Maybe there's another way to provide some protection, but I think that the efforts of Senator Schrock are geared at addressing the protection of the right to hunt, fish and trap, and raising that from a rational to a reasonable standard by our courts is a legitimate end to a future problem that Nebraskans are very concerned about. I return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Flood. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Wehrbein, your light is on next.