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annually, take a trip up north into Saskatchewan or Manitoba, and fish. And bears are a problem. And sometimes they shoot them just because they're a nuisance. But when there is a hunting season, you can't walk that country, you can't stalk that country. It's undergrown...I mean, it's overgrown with trees and moss. The only way you're going to find a bear is to bait it, and sit in a stand, and shoot it when it shows up. But there's people out there who put initiatives on the ballot in Alaska to stop that type of activity. Now, we don't have the same...we don't have bears in Nebraska. But we do have people...we do have an organization that had the audacity to ask the Governor to take the channel catfish off the list. And as ridiculous as that may seem...and of course, I'm not concerned about Governor Heineman. He was not going to do that. And probably not the next Governor. But this is for a long time. I think it will be there for a long time. I think it will be an important message for those people who might want to even target Nebraska. I would hope that PETA would not even ask the Governor to do that, because it wouldn't be available for the Governor to do, probably, if this was in the constitution. I don't know if the Governor could have done it anyway. It's all...it all starts to border on the ridiculous, and I would acknowledge that. But let's keep the ridiculous from happening in this state. And that's what I'm trying to do. That's what the people who have asked me to carry this constitutional amendment...and I remind you, it's the sportsmen of this state that have asked me--130 organizations. And I think their resolve is genuine. I think their concern is genuine. And they will all acknowledge that the threat isn't today. It's, as our society changes, we want to protect this. And we think a constitution is a good place to put it. I respectfully...I respect your point of view. You're not the only one that way. And if...I think this has enough votes to proceed at some point in time. And if it doesn't, it doesn't. But I don't think the issue is going away...is going to go away. I think they will continue, whether you're here, whether I'm here, and they will try and do this. Now, they have other avenues also. They can do the petition process. But they have asked me to do this, and I'm going to do that. Senator Schimek, if I have any time left, you can sure respond.