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indicated from time to time your opinion as to the percentage by which this proposal would be adopted or approved by the voters if it were put on the ballot. Roughly what do you think the percentage would be favoring this if it were put on the ballot?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Oh, being the conservative individual I am, I would say between 70 and 80 percent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, you stated several times that you're not worried about the Legislature doing anything to abolish trapping, hunting, and fishing. Is that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said your concern is that some of these groups, and I won't try to name them all, may launch a petition effort to get this done in that manner. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: What they'll do, Senator Chambers, they'll take a little piece, like maybe trapping. They won't take the whole thing. They'll just take a little bit at a time. And so that's what my concern is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will they do that through the Legislature then? On those little pieces, you don't have confidence in the Legislature standing against what they offer, or it's still the petition thing?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's more the petition, although I don't know what this legislative body is going to look like 20, 30, 40 years from now. But I would rather suspect it would be the petition process that we need to be concerned about.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Schrock, if it's your view that conservatively speaking at least 75 percent of the people in Nebraska favor what you're talking about, how would this group make inroads into that number so that it would turn around and go contrary to what you say they're going to do? That doesn't make sense to me. Does it seem realistic to you?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, as the state grows from a