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didn't know how to estimate it.

SENATOR FLOOD: I guess one of the reasons I'm asking these questions, not so much because I necessarily oppose what you're trying to do--I think it's a creative way to address a problem in our state. I have an interest and I know others do, as well, in finding different ways that we can encourage hunting, fishing,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...sportsmen's activities in the state of Nebraska, primarily for low-income families that cannot afford the \$150 per gun per day cost that we seem to be going to in the Midwest. And one of my interests in this would be maybe backing up from the idea of incentivizing conservation easements, and I filed a legislative resolution this morning calling for an interim study by the Natural Resources Committee, I would imagine, to see if there was a way we could commingle your idea with providing access for free to low-income families to use--from in-state and out of state, to visit Nebraska--to use our conservation easement land, you know, for hunting, as prescribed by regulations that would be adopted by the Department of Game and Parks. Does that make sense to you? I don't know if you saw my...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that makes great sense to me. The bill as it went to the Revenue Committee had some different things in it, not exactly what you were talking about, but related, and if you get this into law, then there are a whole variety of variations, creative things you can do to encourage hunting and fishing generally, and at the same time, if you can spend enough time with it and figure out which parcels of land can serve more than one purpose, you can serve some dual and maybe even triple purposes of...related to recreation, different forms of recreation, and not using the water for irrigation, and solving some of our overappropriation problems. So I'm sorry I'm not going to be around next year to help you, when I hear you talking like that.

SENATOR FLOOD: I guess one of my questions would be, if we