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was working on an agenda, updating it, but, Senator Rasmussen, what does your amendment do in regard to fishing?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Burbach, for fishing, a five day permit would cost \$2 a day. It presently costs one. An annual permit which was \$15 would now cost \$25 and I do not feel that this is out of line at all, Senator.

SENATOR BURBACH: This is the fishing permit from \$15 to \$25?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, a nonresident annual permit would be \$25 under my amendment. It is now \$15.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I can understand Senator Rasmussen's approach to this because he lives close to the center of the state. However, the area that I represent borders South Dakota, and if we have our rate for nonresident in the same body of water which is between us and other areas, also, it would just wipe out fishing, nonresident fishing out of our community. Senator Stoney expressed it very nicely and said that there are many other things that are involved other than the fee, if it is \$10 higher in some other area, there is still a great spin off for having nonresidents come and fish in an area whether it is in the restaurants or whether it is in the filling stations or whatever. So I would have to oppose that type of an increase of from \$15 to \$25 for a nonresident. Going to the daily fee, I wish I were a little bit more familiar right now but I believe we have a reciprocal agreement with South Dakota. At least, if it isn't reciprocal, we are very close to their same rates and we don't want to bar those people from coming fishing in our lake. Now, of course, I do want to express one thing. In the lake, you can fish from the South Dakota side clear over to the Nebraska side so long as you do not step on Nebraska land or sit on the bank and fish so we would be driving all of our business away from those that may come from Minneapolis or other places, St. Paul, Sioux City, North Dakota, South Dakota. They would just stop in South Dakota and would never come to Nebraska for that additional fee. So on that basis, I would have to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, did you wish to speak on the Rasmussen amendment? Senator Dickinson, did you wish to speak on the Rasmussen amendment? Senator Maresh, did you wish to speak on it? Senator Warner, on the Rasmussen amendment? All right. Senator Rasmussen, would you close please? Oh, Senator Duis asks recognition again.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I just wanted to answer Senator Burbach, if I might, and that is I think we can keep it down here, and then when they get us all fished out, we won't have to charge of a license fee anymore.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen, would you close debate on this matter?