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LB 11

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I know that there are a great many agricultural interests who are concerned about this bill. I have shared some of their concern. I'd just like to point out that at this point in time I'm still not ready to kill the bill. I do believe that there has to be something done with it to guarantee that the water rights of Nebraskans are not endangered. I know Senator Lamb feels he's a member of the endangered species, and maybe we ought to pass it to save him. But I do want to ask Senator Reutzel a question if he would yield, please. Under 435, Senator Reutzel, which we passed several weeks ago, there was some concern at that time by some persons in my legislative district whether or not the bill applied to a game farm which they operate south of Fremont, Nebraska. They have learned since the passage of the bill that they are covered by the bill although they indicate that their law enforcement officers would not really give them any trouble. Would you have any objection to adopting language that would specifically exempt a game farm from the provisions of LB 435?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Schmit, no, and I visited with that individual, Mr. Poehling from Fremont and I have no problem with that. We looked at these bills. We're not looking at the same chapter though, and that's the problem.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR REUTZEL: And we looked through the bills that we still had in committee on General File and there was really no bill within the same chapter that we could put that amendment in there and it would be germane, we felt.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, are you saying that the amendment would not be germane to LB 11?

SENATOR REUTZEL: That's my feeling. If you want to attempt it, that's fine. I'll vote for it, but I question whether it is germane and would be allowed.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I see. Well then the other question that I have, when I read through the list of endangered