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as previously described by Senator Labeledz and it removes the limitation for hunting without a permit to only land which is contiguous to the farmstead so that they may hunt on other land upon which he is a bona fide farmer or rancher. There is a penalty clause. There has been some concern about this because of the enforcement procedure so we have inserted language there so that if requested by a conservation officer the hunter must sign a statement that he is complying with this statute, in other words that he is a bona fide farmer on that piece of land and the violation is a Class IV misdemeanor. I would ask that this amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, do you wish to talk to the Lamb amendment?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The Lamb amendment makes sense from a theoretical standpoint. However, there were some practical problems which the committee heard on LB 293 which was the bill introduced by Senator Lamb. The committee determined at that time that the idea which is introduced in Senator Lamb's amendment today is one which the committee wishes to study during the interim. I agree that it does not make sense to limit the farmers hunting to land which is contiguous to the farmer's residence when that farmer may own a farm just a mile down the road. That is why the committee voted to study the issue. I will not oppose the amendment but would have preferred to go with the interim study. One of my big concerns at the time was the fact that, and I mentioned that to Senator Lamb before he did make some corrections on the amendment, that the way it was written and the one that he passed over, a farmer could own land two or three counties away and still go and have hunting privileges on that land. I do believe that the amendment that he has now is better than what he had before and I will not oppose the amendment. I would have preferred the study but Senator Lamb did fix it up so that it is agreeable.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Lamb, I would ask you a question if you have a moment.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, sir.

SENATOR NEWELL: The proposed amendment, would this amendment eliminate the need totally for an uplands stamp?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.