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LB 174

CLERK: Mr. President, 174 offered by the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 12th, referred to the Constitutional Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Labeledz, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendment to LB 174 clarifies some language and adds some language which should have been included in the original bill. First, the original bill did not provide for the fee for the trout stamp. The amendment provides that the trout stamp fee shall be \$5 per year. Second, the trout stamp provision shall apply to both residents and non-residents and both residents and nonresidents shall be required to pay the same \$5 fee. Third, the committee amendment will make it unlawful to kill or possess trout without a trout stamp. If a fisherman who is fishing in Lake McConaughy happens to catch a trout and does not have a trout stamp, that fisherman would have to release the trout. It would not be unlawful for the fisherman to catch the fish but only if that fisherman kept the fish with the intent to possess it. I urge the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 174.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cullan, your light is on, do you wish to address the committee amendments? There being no other lights on, we will move to a vote on the committee amendments to LB 174. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Voting aye, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Landis voting yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Labeledz on the bill, followed by Senator Cullan.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 174 provides that a trout stamp will be required of all residents or nonresidents 16 years or older who kill or possess trout taken from Nebraska waters. The revenue from the \$5 fee will be used to operate the Crawford Fish Hatchery which is to be closed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service