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concerned citizens. When it started on this floor, it had about 12 votes. They contacted you and they got that number up to 37 or 38 and I think they did their job well. They are just asking for a vehicle by which they can voluntarily contribute and Senator Vard Johnson is incorrect when he says that they have a vehicle by contributing to Sierra Club and some of these groups. There just is no workable process in the books right now. There are three thousand Audubon Society members in the state, about half that many Nebraska Wildlife Federation members. They came to us. They asked for this bill. They have done the homework. This Legislature has passed it twice by a resounding majority and I would simply ask that you pass it one more final time. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I oppose reconsidering LB 466. A couple years ago we had a bill before us that would have had allowed a checkoff for Olympics, for training for the Olympic Games. At that time our theory was that if we start doing this we will have everything under the sun and everybody under the sun coming in wanting to get a checkoff for their purpose. And if we allow this to proliferate, we would have dozens maybe different special interest groups coming in and wanting funds out of the tax system. And the way the tax system works it is in enough trouble without hacking away at it with this little program and that little program and another little program. So I hope you will resist this as we did a couple years ago when a request was made to put money in for training people for the Olympics. I am all for that. I think we are going to enjoy the Olympic Games but I understand now that has been funded very well through other sources. I think this situation can also be funded through the sources that we now have in those who are so terribly interested in the preservation of game. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, could you wham the gavel? I can't hear.

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