

Senator Preister's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Preister amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Lindsay would move to amend the bill, Madam President. (See FA19 found on page 603 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I passed out the amendment. It should be on your desks. What the amendment would do is fairly straightforward. It just simply says if you are going to...it doesn't try to prevent trapping at all, it just simply says if you are going to trap, affix your name to it. Apparently, from the information that I have, is that traps can be set with no idea who the owner is. Someone can trespass onto your land, set a trap. You have no idea who is doing it, (inaudible) the same. But if you are going to...if you are going to set a trap, you should have your name affixed to it. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions, and I'd urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. The Chair recognizes Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President, members. I think this is a question of responsibility and a question of doing things as they properly should be done. Trapping is a little different than other forms of hunting because you are absent from your method of procuring gain from furbearing animals. I think it is only proper that trappers accept responsibilities for what they are doing and should be willing to identify their property, both for purposes of being able to identify it at a later time and to be able to prove that they are doing their trapping legally. And I think Senator Lindsay has hit on something that will help the trapping industry by making people realize that they are going to be responsible for what they are doing, and that they will need to be doing it legally and not trespassing, and will be able to be identified if that's the case. And I believe that this is a good amendment, and I'm willing to accept it, and I believe that some of the debate that we may hear here will help us make this decision. Thank you, Madam President.