

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And folks came in and said, well, we need to define this a little bit better; let's define it in terms of how much property is owned and operated. And under the committee amendment, as it came out of committee, the recommendations in...was that in order to get this permit you should own 160 acres or more, and I think what Senator Wehrbein is saying is that he would support 80 acres or more. Is that what you're saying,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That...that's true.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..sir?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So I just wanted to be sure you were aware of where all the different language was and what we're moving from and to, and the Wickersham amendment, as I understand it, is the amendment that would move us to 80.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So when that's before us, you will have the choice between 80 acres and 160 acres. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wickersham offers an amendment that I understand, Senator Wehrbein, you're going to handle, Senator, that on page 12, line 19, strike "160" and insert "80." (See FA3F7 on page 307 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true and that's just what I spoke to. Senator Wickersham will speak to the rest of his. He's supposed to be coming back from a telephone call, but the one I just spoke to is that issue, the 80 versus the 160. Once again, it's a compromise between western Nebraska and eastern Nebraska where the sizes of operations differ quite a bit. It's an attempt to get at some common ground and for this particular permit.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: A...