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These are being depleted and some people are catching them. They are edible but they're also caught to, you, the shell is used for various purposes. This will allow the Game Commission to regulate them also by seasons or bag limit or so forth. Clams, yes, that's right, I'm corrected. I've caught a lot of them out of the Elkhorn River. Bullfrogs now you have to have a hunting or fishing license for, to catch bullfrogs providing the method you take them. This bill would allow you to get a fishing license and take them by the prescribed methods set by the Game Commission. Under the federal treaty with Mexico, the bluejay, crow and bronze grackle and I guess the great horned owl is something like that, are, are by treaty game birds. I think most of them are, and now must be regulated. The Game Commission, for instance, on crows, if we pass this bill can allow you to hunt them 100, not to exceed 124 days a year not during the nesting season but if we do not pass this bill you can't shoot them at all. Now here's what the Federal regulations are as I get it on them. The hunting season or seasons on crows shall not exceed a total of 124 days during a calendar year. In other words, the state may allow crow hunting for a total of 124 days a year. The state can divide the season in any way it chooses, it chooses, except hunting shall not be permitted during the peak crow nesting period within a state. The state cannot permit hunting for 124 days at any time during the year except during, it can, except during peak nesting periods. Crows shall not be hunted from air craft, crows may be taken by firearms, bow and arrow and fishing--falcony only--no crows shall be taken in the States of Hawaii and Alaska. So whether you like it or not if you don't pass this bill then the crow season is absolutely closed. So you'd better pass the bill or you're going to get some heat from the crow hunters. I'm not one of them but you're going to get them. Now just a minute. On another position of the bill and I want you to understand this bill. This will allow the Game Commission to keep from the introduction in the wild of animals or birds that will be destructive to the state of Nebraska which now, for instance, they introduced a grass carp in Arkansas and now they've got a problem just like we did with the English sparrow and so forth and some of these foreign animals and birds can be quite destructive and could just raise hob with the environment of the State of Nebraska. This will allow the Game Commission to not allow certain birds and animals that are not already here exotic to be introduced. And the other provision as I recall is simply to repeal the Nebraskaland fee that was not effective, I think it was for \$50 and very few bought it and we might as well get rid of it. I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, then Senator Proud, then Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Syas would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, will you yield to a question? Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR BARNETT: This is really the question I wanted to ask you is if Senator Waldron does want to add an amendment, would you object having it added on in Select File if he can do it at that time?

SENATOR SYAS: I certainly would because that will kill the bill.

SENATOR BARNETT: Do you think he's got that much support for it?