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SENATOR SYAS: Well, I disagree but I'm willing to do what you say because the section you're reading is about a fur bearing animal on trapping.

SENATOR DUIS: But you're going right over on page 6 and reading the top line in the same section.

SENATOR SYAS: You see, as Senator Anderson says, Senator Duis, anyone under 16 does not have to have a hunting and fishing license...

SENATOR DUIS: But if I read this bill correctly the reason it says you have a hunting and fishing license is to provide revenue.

SENATOR SYAS: Not if you're under 16 but you have to, you are allowed the same bag limit, the same provisions of those who do have a hunting and fishing license...

SENATOR DUIS: May I read another section of this?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR DUIS: Page 3, line 22, for purposes of supplying revenue, that's the reason you have a license...

SENATOR SYAS: That's right.

SENATOR DUIS: ...is to supply the revenue. If you don't have that license you're guilty of a misdemeanor and the only, this, this is not exempt a person not having a license from being prosecuted. The reason for the license is to give a license to hunt in season and to raise revenue.

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, but on the bottom of that it says, pertaining thereto, every person 16 years of age or older who hunts for game animals or game birds or takes bullfrogs and other species defined by the section, and the section as I remember is the section that eliminates them from a fishing license and a hunting license. But if you find otherwise, I'll be willing to amend.

SENATOR DUIS: I realize that, George and I trust you implicitly but I would and I know you're the one that's interested in it and I wonder if you'd check that to be sure because I do think a youngster walking across the field and picking up a turtle and taking it home, I would hate to see him prosecuted, regardless of the season.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime, did you wish to be heard on this issue? Senator Kime? Stand by, Senator Nore. Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Well, I, Mr. Chairman, I would have a question of Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Syas, will you yield to another question?

SENATOR KIME: In all seriousness now, you just said turtles. We have three or four kinds of turtles out there, do you mean snapping turtles or...

SENATOR SYAS: That's right, soft shells, I'm familiar with them, I've caught them on the hook and by hand and every way possible, all types.