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SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I move the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments simply, first of all, the emergency clause was adopted by the committee. Secondly, some clarification on page 2 was inserted and the rest of the amendments are simply cleanup provisions dealing with the statute numbers. The bill deals with refunds to the personal representative of the deceased, personal refunds relating to antelope, turkey and deer permits which have to be bought months in advance and every year the Game and Parks is approached by individuals, representatives of the family or the executor of the estate, asking for a refund on a permit. The permit has been bought prior to the season. The permit holder dies and they would like a refund. As present law is they cannot give that refund. This would simply enable them to do so. The emergency clause was adopted so that if the bill is passed it would be in effect for the spring turkey season.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Reutzel, if he will yield. Senator Reutzel, won't this open the door for a multitude of refunds, college tuition, the state park entry fee and numerous fees that the state charges that could be refundable if this passes?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well, Senator Maresh, the things that you are talking to are in different sections of the statute. This is only applicable to something, to these three permits which were bought months in advance because of the limited season.

SENATOR MARESH: But I say this could be a beginning of having refunds in every fee that is provided by law.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Every time the Legislature begins in January, it could be the end of the state but we still plug along.

SENATOR MARESH: But don't you see it as a beginning of refunding these?

SENATOR REUTZEL: No, I certainly don't because we are only dealing with certain sections of the statutes and it is only for a very limited numbers of permits here. So I don't see that as a problem at all.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.