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for that nine days, and I'll certainly vote to kill the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the kill motion, primarily because I don't think the bill is needed. I don't think there's a problem here that needs to be addressed in this manner. The Game Commission, of course, issues the deer permits...a certain number of deer permits. There is one deer kill per permit or less. Now, if there are too many deer being killed, then all the Game Commission has to do is reduce the number of permits that are allowed. They have complete control over the number of deer that are killed. Now, if you think that there are deer killed beyond the number of permits, I think you're sadly mistaken, because they're in big trouble, and if there are poachers, the poachers don't limit themselves to the nine days of the deer season. You've got that problem the year around. So I don't see that it's attacking any poaching problem. So I merely submit that the bill is not necessary. It does infringe on the rights of the hunters to hunt with a rifle during the deer permit. Legitimate hunters that want to go out and hunt a coyote or skunk during the deer season will be prohibited from doing that. I say that should not happen. I urge you to support the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A question of Senator Reutzel.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel, will you respond?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Certainly.

SENATOR WARNER: Two questions...that's probably been mentioned, but first how many days are we talking for the firearm deer season?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Nine days.

SENATOR WARNER: Is that area by area, or is that statewide?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Statewide.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.