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the bill or tried to understand the issue at hand?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well that's certainly the case and it's more deliberate than by mistake.

SENATOR MARSH: Is it also true that an individual could choose to with this legislation give different size donations, so that if someone has a large refund coming they could give a larger sum of dollars because that individual chose to, since the mechanism would be one of the most economical ways to fund a needed program?

SENATOR REUTZEL: I believe those were in the committee amendments, yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Well, I thank you. I thought perhaps that I was mixed up on what this bill was all about when the kill motion was put in, but I stand to oppose the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I have been warned by Senator Merz to make it short and so I will. I just want to say two things. Number one, the program is voluntary and that makes a lot of difference to me. That's one of the factors influencing my vote, and secondly, it's the nature of that which we seek to protect by this act, which are endangered species. Although it seems remote and far away from such things as economic progress and the welfare of the state in economic and progress terms like that in terms of our children and the heritage that we pass on to them, I think it is not a small issue. It's not a small societal value that we can ignore and choose to let flutter away in benign neglect. I would suggest that Senator Reutzel is to be commended for bringing us to a bill that has the concern more toward the future and towards the kind of environment that our children will inherit than our own. It's a far ranging future oriented program and I'm quite supportive of it, and I hope that the rest of us will too because, although it sounds remote and it sounds insignificant, I think it behooves us well as a part of the interdisciplinary approach to living on this planet that we can find a place for all of God's creatures to live on it, and I am supporting of
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PRESIDENT: We have 25 minutes left on the bill. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.