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LB 11

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think we have had a good discussion and I'm sure that there are others that would have like to have spoken yet, but we have probably spent enough time on this. The amount of money that Senator Reutzel mentioned that comes from Nebraska directly to be matched by the Game and Parks Commission of course is just a very small trickle of what the federal government spends in the state of Nebraska. I wish I had the exact figures but as near as I know, the federal government alone is spending between seven and eleven million dollars on the whooping crane, of which there are somewhat fifty or sixty I think in the wild now and some seventy in existence. I'm just not sure that this is all worthwhile and I'm not sure how this affects what Senator Reutzel is trying to do, but I just wanted to give you an idea of how stupid we can get with some of these projects. I still think that if you have people contributing money to a project they're going to demand certain things from us....a little bit different than paying your taxes and then letting the Game and Parks Commission decide what's going to happen. But if we should introduce some river otter as has been mentioned, I think that those people that are going to let you check off money from their return of taxes are going to demand that there is water in that river whether we use it for irrigation or not. I think they probably would have some right to it. One of the other species that's been mentioned, and I don't know what all the endangered species are, are badgers. Now I don't know how many of you know what a badger is but a badger can dig about forty holes in one night in an alfalfa field and just almost totally ruin it, and this is one of the things that we want to protect. I'm not sure that's what's going to happen. But I think that the Game and Parks Commission has other purposes and other things that they should be doing besides getting into this field, and I certainly hope that you will help kill this bill so that we won't have to argue any more about it. I think it's something we can certainly get along without. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the motion of Senator Kahle to indefinitely postpone LB 11. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We're voting on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 11. Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 23 nays on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Is there a motion on the