

Nebraska if you will and very rarely, if ever, do we see very many white-tailed deer. There are a few. The majority of the deer that I was just describing are mule deer. I was just curious as to if we are going to honor a beautiful animal in this manner and an animal that undoubtedly must be pretty abundant in the State of Nebraska, why you chose the white-tailed deer instead of the mule deer?

SENATOR MARSH: For very specific reasons. Numerically according to the Game and Parks Commission there are more white-tailed deer in the State of Nebraska and the white-tailed deer are found in each of the ninety-three counties of the State of Nebraska and mule deer are not found in all of the counties of Nebraska according to the Game and Parks Commission who is my source of information, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Marsh. That was for a point of information for myself. I appreciate that. I'm not sure I agree with the Game and Parks count but perhaps they are correct. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the previous question. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Marsh, do you wish to close on your motion?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the questions raised on the floor of the Legislature and I would like to speak specifically to Senator Kahle. The Game and Parks Commission made it very clear. The students who were supporting the bill made it very clear that they were aware that population control by hunting is a very necessary part of the health of the animal as a species as well as control of damage from overpopulation. The Game and Parks Commission has the authority to lengthen or shorten the hunting season so that they have a tool for control for the numbers of deer which are taken in any one season. With that safeguard and with the multitude of pounds of meat which the hunting provides as a food to the people of Nebraska I urge your advancement of LB 27.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.