

certainly northeast Nebraska. I'm just wondering whether, in fact, the rules and regulations to be developed would anticipate regulating an individual fisherman who may be catching fish indigenous to the Missouri River and selling those for economic gain. It seems to me that that would fall under the definition of commercial exploitation and since I don't know yet what fish might be regulated, I'm just wondering whether it's anticipated that catfish, etcetera, carp, those sorts of fish might be regulated and whether there could be a prohibition against doing that more than there is right now. Maybe Senator Avery could respond to that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Avery, would you respond, please.

SENATOR AVERY: Yes. The intent here originally is to make sure that the processes that are in place, the commercial seining, vendors are regulated and these regulations that we're proposing will not include or hamper the practice that is existing presently or already ongoing for the individual fisherman. He has to abide by the rules and regulations that are out there under what has been adapted. If he tries to sell an individual fish for that purpose, I think it's already regulated under existing law.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: So it's...it's your intent just for the purpose of the record, it's your intent that in those certain circumstances where that's occurring now that the adoption of this amendment would not significantly increase regulation currently in place?

SENATOR AVERY: Right. Right.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: That's all I need. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Preister. Senator Preister. Senator Preister, you're next.

SENATOR PREISTER: Honorable President, friends all, thank you. I just rise to say that I think this amendment is not something that really changes a whole lot of the turtle bill. So this section of the amendment is a part of it. It actually provides some provisions and some concerns and may make the bill itself better. So I rise in support of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Vrtiska,