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It's mostly about what you intend to fight.

In the 6 and 7 wt category, some people buy the stiffer rods to cast far, handle some shot, etc. But are still fighting smallish fish (meaning small enough that leverage isn't a real issue during the fight). In such a case, a fighting butt isn't needed, or desired, as it merely adds weight, gets in the way, and offers no real advantages.

But some buy them, not to cast far, but because they expect to be fighting larger fish and having a little backbone to the rod is needed to be able to handle the fish. In such a case, leverage may matter, and a fighting butt begins to make sense.