

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hall. First, Senator Chambers, I...if you'll listen, I want you to know that you'll never be commissioned as a PR man for southeast Nebraska after the remarks you made a little while ago about our parks down in southeast Nebraska. And I don't think you've ever been there or you would have seen what these other people saw, or you weren't looking, or else you in the wrong area of the park. But I want you to know, Senator Chambers, if you had looked at the magazine that I passed out a few days ago and seen all the wonderful attraction in southeast Nebraska you wouldn't be putting us down like that now. We don't have the faces like they've got out at Mount Rushmore, and we don't have some of the things they've got in Omaha like a new rebuilt auditorium that they're going to spend \$15 million that you're going to help pay for. But we do have some things for just common folks to come down see, so sometime, when you don't have anything to do and you're between sessions, you come down and I'll take you around and show you some of the sights in southeast Nebraska so that you'll understand and not get up and talk so derogatory about our little part of the country. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Beutler, your light is next on the amendment by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to any reduction in the fees that are proposed because they're extremely reasonable the way they are. The park permit fee, which is going from 10 to \$15, hasn't been increased for over ten years. And the \$15 doesn't by any means pay for all the cost involved in the maintenance of the facilities provided. Our fee of \$15, even if raised to \$15, is very, very reasonable, it's only a part of the cost. If you go out, if you pile all your kids into the car and go out a half a dozen times or a dozen times over the summer, my gosh, it's costing you a buck or a buck and a half a trip for everybody you can get in the car. I don't think there's a better deal than that recreationwise in the state. They do an excellent job. And if you want to continue to get them to do an excellent job, you really have to provide for some adequate funding for them. And increasing the fee from \$10 to \$15 over that time period is not unreasonable just as increasing the daily, the daily ticket from \$2 to \$3 is not unreasonable since that has not been increased