

think we've got to look beyond the, the \$2, 2.50, the \$14 to, to the point of, you know, do we want to have a system that, that people can afford. And I think, I think most people can afford this. I, I compare taking a family of seven to any of our state parks and, and paying the fee of \$2, 2.50, or \$3, whatever it may be, versus going to a movie at 15 to \$35, just eating at McDonald's, 25 or \$30. Bowling would be much more expensive. Taking in a high school basketball game or football game would be much more expensive for a couple hours. This is not out of line, it is not pricing anyone out that sincerely wants to go. I think, you know, I understand your idea. I understand the principle upon which you stand on these fees. And in some ways you have the right idea, but I think, I think you're picking the wrong bill because I think if you're tactic results in underfunding the parks to the point where we have to close a park, even one park, that's accessible to, to people in that area, that, that we've made a grave mistake. People with money don't have to go to these parks. People with a lot of money can go wherever they want. This is not geared for those people. This is geared to, to make it accessible, I think, to people with little means. And we also have the, the consideration, if we're going to keep these parks going, of when we do have, we have visitors, we a lot of visitors, of course, from out of state, and, and they help pay the bill too so that we can subsidize these parks and make them more affordable for our instate residents. Like I say, I think, I think you're applying your logic to the wrong bill in this instance. And, and frankly, I. .I mean we had no opposition, absolutely none, at our hearing. I have received no letters of opposition. None. If there were an outcry, if there were a concern, if there were people saying, well, you know, I can't go to \$3 to take my family to the park, I can go 2.50 or 2, but I can't go three. You know, I mean let's, let's be realistic about this thing. I mean people pay a pack, buy a pack of cigarettes, they can give up the pack of cigarettes for one day and go to the park. And this is not, this is not an outlying fee...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...and I think the argument that you're, that you're propounding here is just very, very hollow. And I think it's shortsighted because I think that we're going to be sorry some day if we do have to find ourselves in a position where we close some of these parks.