

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Jones, your light is next.

SENATOR JONES: Senator Hall and members, I guess I'm going to be kind of a lone one here, I'm going to rise and with, along with Chambers on this amendment because I've got a park four miles from me that don't charge anything and people drive from Lexington up to it and down from Broken Bow and they just fill it up every, every weekend. And I guess I keep hearing them say that they wished the others wouldn't charge any. But I think that my park right next to me could be more self-supporting. It used to rent out a lot of the acres because there's about 1,500 acres there and I think they could rent out a lot of it and bring in money that would self-support it and some others too. So, I'd be in favor of Chambers amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Baack on the Chambers amendment. Senator Baack on the Chambers amendment. Senator Hillman, your light is next.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, probably for the information, I don't see Senator Chambers here, but if we look at the revenue that's generated on the state parks, Mahoney, Fort Rob, and Platte River's doing some things with food concessions, those state parks are self-supporting because they have the concessions. If you go to Mahoney and you want a cabin, you have a park permit but you pay for the cabin, you pay for the meal at the lodge, you pay for the waterslide. You go to Fort Rob you pay to go out on the, the hayrack ride, you pay for the Post Playhouse, to go horseback riding, for the food. They, they generate that kind of revenue. And so they are self-supporting and people pay for the services that they receive. It's the recreation areas and the historical areas that don't generate the money to pay for themselves, and so, again, the General Funds, the cigarette tax, and then the park permits has to be distributed between those areas to help keep, to support all of them across the state. So the really what you would call quote "big" parks, those that perhaps draw the largest crowds, also generate the most income. In my area, very locally, it's a Hispanic population and, that are lower income and that also have large families. And they use Lake Minatare Recreation Area that requires a state park permit all summer long. You will see them out there every weekend camping, cooking out on their grills and using the lake for their swimming pool. And it's great. City parks is another place that they go where they don't have to