

have any fee to get in. But what can happen a lot with local Hispanics, migrant workers that come out, that have the large families, again, I will just say we do not charge by person. They can put them in the car, large families don't suffer any more than wealthy people with the big recreation vehicles and so forth. It's a charge by vehicle. And I think that's a consideration when we look at what that charge will be. And the other thing, if we don't have some charge on a fee basis, again, to take care of all of these parks that cannot generate enough revenue on their own, the only parks that we're going to wind up with are Fort Rob or Mahoney Park because they have the concessions that support themselves. And in the future I think you'll see proceeds, it's been projected that Mahoney will make money that will go to the other parks. So without some kind of an increase in fees, then we have to go to the General Funds which hasn't really been there. We, we'll not be able to take care of those parks throughout the state, but I will tell you in western Nebraska, Mahoney isn't top on our vacation trip, we don't go into Mahoney. But again, Mahoney generates the revenue to pay for itself. It's the recreational areas and the historical areas that need additional funding.

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

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall and colleagues. I, I rise in support of the amendment. I know that, you know, we've had some discussions and I've had very little input too from, from my constituents on these fee increases. And I think that the fee increases in the original bill were very reasonable. But I also, but I also understand where Senator Chambers is coming from when he talks about wanting to keep these parks accessible to as many people as we can and I think that's very, very important. The park system that we have, I think that the, the latest budget figures I saw said that they're 56 percent Cash Funded, 44 percent General Fund funded, and then, and all of their capital construction is Cash Funds. So they are a very cash funded oriented agency. There's no doubt about that. But I think that there's, there's not a compelling reason that we need to fight over this \$1 in the fee and the 50 cents in the other fee. It seems to me that we need to, to set fees that are reasonable. I think that at \$14 and at \$2.50 that fee is reasonable. I talked to Senator Moore, it doesn't impact this year's budget. The, the Appropriations Committee used the old figures when they, when they did the budget for the Game and