

Parks so it doesn't impact this year's budget. I think this is a very reasonable compromise on this bill because part of the bill that we, that we did, and people shouldn't forget, is that we, we gave the Game and Parks Commission a lot of leeway in changing the other fees that they charge, for fishing licenses, hunting licenses, and a number of other things that they charge now, we gave them some leeway to internally raise those fees, so they can do that. They have to hold a public hearing and they have to get, you know, and they have to justify what they're doing for the cost of the program. But we still did give them some authority to raise those fees. So I think this is a reasonable compromise. And I am going to stand in support of it and I hope that you do also. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Chambers, yours is the last light on, would you care to close in your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, if I can finish what I'm going to do so I won't (inaudible)...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, your light is on to be recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Bromm said he didn't hear anything from anybody, and I was just saying, I wish these people who write to me would write to some of you all. And I don't know why they write to me unless they think I'll be responsive. But I don't even know who the National Campers and Hikers of the Platte Valley Golden Huskers are, but they're located in North Platte, Nebraska, and they sent me a copy of a letter with about 30 signatures on it addressing Nebraska Game and Parks Department, To Whom It May Concern, quote: "We're writing in regard to the bill introduced in the Nebraska Legislature by Senator Baack which would increase state park and recreational area fees by a whopping 50 percent. We are opposed to the passage of this bill as we feel it is excessive and not in the best interest of the majority of the population of Nebraska to whom the Game and Parks Department does and should owe allegiance. We feel more equitable management of the state parks and recreational areas and definite reduction of the grandiose tourist oriented projects would probably alleviate some of the financial problems of the Game and Parks Department. And this would be in the best interest of the general population. Lodging and restaurant facilities should probably