

I think the expertise of this broadened knowledge and the staff they have to go over this certainly wouldn't deter the intent of this bill at all. I would respectfully hope you'd give this serious consideration and support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body. I oppose the Dworak amendment on LB 81. LB 81 is for maintenance only. There is no capital construction involved. As far as the Appropriations Committee having the expertise I think we're talking about maintenance of 92 state park areas. I think the Game and Parks Commission has much more expertise in this area to determine where this money is going to be appropriated. There is only \$1.1 million generated by this program. I think Game and Parks is better equipped to decide, among the 92 parks, where this money should go. I believe they've got more expertise. I oppose the Dworak amendment for those reasons.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body. I too rise to oppose the Dworak amendment. We do have a fine state park installation in my immediate vicinity where I live. I know they need the money to maintain this facility. I don't believe they're going to take in enough funds to do any great amount of work outside of maintenance. I think we're just going to complicate the thing by making them have to come to the Legislature in order to spend any of this money. A great lot of it is going to be used for administration of collecting these funds. So there won't be as much money as you think.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I oppose the Dworak amendment for a very simple reason. This money is for maintenance, as Senator Reutzel has indicated. Many times emergency repairs need to be made. The wind can destroy the boat docks. Vandalism occurs. There is no way the Appropriations Committee can foresee what area, what boat dock, what facility is going to be destroyed. So unless there is some kind of fund there that they can use to tap into this, they are constantly shifting around and trying to get by. The facilities do not get repaired, often times further deterioration results and actually you lose money. If the boat docks should happen to be damaged you move in and you repair them, you fix them up, the damage is restored. If you have to wait till the succeeding year to fix that up you're going to find further deterioration and further damage. This is for maintenance and emergency repairs. I understand what Senator Dworak is trying to do, but I would rather forget the whole thing, kill the bill, than to tie it down to that point because it's not going to serve the purpose which we want. We have to remember a lot of people do not have access to their own private lakes. They have to rely upon public facilities. If those facilities are not adequate, are not well taken care of the public suffers. I oppose the Dworak amendment. I hope you would vote it down.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.