

additional facilities to be created in existing parks. Parks which are used not by the person who's got a cabin out on Elkhorn River, the Missouri River, or the Platte River or on their own private lake or where they lease a lake, not on private developments but it would benefit those people who don't have the money for a private cabin, those people who have to use public parks and public services. This is what it is intended to benefit. Senator DeCamp says this will accomplish the same thing as the intended bill. The bill now as Senator DeCamp would amend it would raise \$2½ million. The bill now as it is will raise a little over \$5 million in revenue. So it's hard to see how we're going to accomplish the same amount in the same amount of time with half the money. Senator DeCamp alluded to LB 181; I have to correct the Senator, it's 81. That would only raise \$1.1 million and that's only for maintenance of 92 state areas. How we're going to maintain 92 state areas and provide additional parks to take off the excess that we have in our present parks system and take off the pressure in our present system on \$1.1 million is beyond me. Senator DeCamp talked about profit. We passed out the statistics on the sugar tax. We've got an industry which has record profits this year. We have an industry which has record sales. As Senator DeCamp says, there's no profit in it. I, for one, don't want 22 distributors in this state to dictate to 7 million park users that they will not have new parks systems, they will not have new facilities, they will not have sanitary facilities, they will not have additional recreational areas to use. We go back to the general fund, I think, all you've got to do is go back and historically look at this Legislature. A couple of years ago they appropriated \$60,000 for maintenance. We take it out of the general fund, we've got to come back every year as Senator DeCamp pointed out. It's easy to carve it up. I think we ought to establish a program which has a specific amount of money for a specific amount of time and this is a limited program. It does have a termination clause built in. We should be able to go from year to year knowing how much we're going to have in this fund and not having to depend upon the whims of the Legislature to carve this pie up. We should be able to go on year to year and develop some areas, develop some programs so we can have a comprehensive plan. I would hope that the Legislature would defeat the DeCamp amendment which in effect guts the bill. I understand after this, we have a kill motion by Senator DeCamp and I for one would like to close and get on with the rest of the motions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have distributed to you some amendments on LB 81. I hope that you will take those out and briefly look at them at this point. I will speak to LB 109 because that is the subject under discussion, the bill under discussion but I do need to also talk about LB 81 in the process. Senator DeCamp is presenting an option to you for funding the bill under general funds. I have prepared another financial package to fund park development in this state and had proposed to bring it to you in the course of debate on Select File on LB 81. However, that bill has been bracketed, I believe, until April 6 or April 4, one of the two and I haven't had an opportunity to bring it to you. However, would you