

You are building a crime on top of an act which the state enacted that I think never should have been in the first place. You have required the fee for the sticker. Now you are making it a crime. I feel a relatively serious crime to misuse this sticker that ought not exist in the first place. I believe that this is one of the worst tail ends of a session that I have seen. Not just because of the carelessness and the slipshodness of the procedures that we are utilizing now which always happens but the nature of the acts that are going to pass the legislature. Why are you so quick and anxious to make things criminal? Why are you anxious to create criminals out of people who have no criminal intent? Who have no criminal predilections who fit the definition of criminal in no sense other than that the legislature had decided arbitrarily to define an act that they may commit as a crime. I think that the amendment is totally wrong. I think that it ought not be added to this bill. It is not a compromise, let the Game and Park Commission and the other people who feel that this is too much money to charge work out something else and call it a compromise. But, to convert ordinarily law abiding citizens into criminals I think is wrong. If you do it you are going to add more statistics and be able to terrify people by talking about how many criminals exist in the society. When you take conduct which of itself is not harmful to anybody, what would it hurt the state if 20 kids sneaked into the park and didn't pay? How is that hurting you Senator Keyes? How does it hurt me? If a group of old people...

SENATOR SAVAGE: You have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: drive into the park under cover of darkness and don't pay the fee, who is hurt by that? But, how might you hurt somebody and their conscious if you make them feel that they are violating a law and becoming a criminal by doing what you are prohibiting here. I think that it is a shame. I will not vote for this amendment. I hope that the rest of you will think seriously about what you are doing. Because this is just a passing fancy late in the afternoon at the tail end of the session of the Legislators. Think about the people upon whom it will impact and I think that you can find a better way. Certainly a different one.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Question.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question has been called for. All in favor vote aye. This is the Schmit amendment. Question has been called for, all in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Will you please vote on the question to cease debate. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Debate ceases. We are now going to the question of the Schmit amendment to LB 742.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No closing.