

Herb and Marcella Baack. And I would like you to welcome them to the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I don't know whether the rest of you have been asked when is government going to stop increasing, when is government going to stop spending, when is government going to stop growing? Now my point this morning is not the habitat stamp. My point this morning is government known as the Game and Parks Commission. They're asking for an increase of monies to spend of \$562,000 in two years. However, I would like to have the record show that they have overdue permit books in the amount of \$131,000 of lost funds. They have overdue cash of \$86,000 of lost funds. Yet they are coming to the Legislature and they're saying, we need more money. If they would collect the money that is due them, or collect the money that is due on their overdue permit books, they wouldn't need this type of money. Mr. President, may I have a gavel, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.) Let's try to keep our conversations down so Senator...we we can hear Senator Haberman. Proceed, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I can see that what I am saying doesn't mean anything to anyone but I'm going to say it anyway. They have lost \$217,000 in six years and they are not concerned about losing this money. They're not concerned about it because it's not their money. This body isn't concerned about raising the habitat stamp because they say we don't buy any, why should I be concerned that they're going to raise it from 7.50 to \$10.00. It's not my money, it's somebody else's money. Yet they come in and they ask for more money and they won't clean up their own nest. Now I know that this is going to pass. It's been worked, it's been lobbied. However, I would like to have the record show and bring it to your attention that in four to six short ..four years they have lost \$217,934 and nobody is concerned about it. Nobody is concerned. So I would like to see that the bill don't advance until we get some assurance from the Game and Parks that they're going to clean up their act and start running the overdue permit books and the overdue cash like a business. They will send out to someone \$5,000 worth of stamps. They just send it to them.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.