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fly B-52 bombers very high above the land and drop huge bombs in tremendous numbers. That's what I'm doing on this bill. I'm going to use long-range missiles, I'm going to use B-52 bombers, B-1 bombers, and what they haven't used in Afghanistan yet, F-16 fighter jets, F-15s, oh, and that drone that fires the hellfire missiles, all of that. I'm going to fight this bill until there is no time, one way or the other, for me to fight it. It is too easy for members to go along with whatever the Game and Parks Commission tells them to do, and that's why these kind of bills come before us. But you let those who run the university system come before the Legislature and say, if you don't give us what we need, you're going to cause us to cut necessary employees off, diminish the number of academic offerings. And the Legislature says, that's tough, you don't know what you're talking about. All you are are people who run the education system, what do you know about education? Then here comes Game and Parks, we need to gouge the public starting today and five years down the line. And I hear my colleagues popping up on this floor talking that kind of talk, when I've listened to how they talk about other matters of much greater concern to the overall health of the state, its population at large and especially the young people. That is one of the aspects of my attitude creation in this Legislature. My colleagues don't have a split personality in the sense of Jekyll/Hyde. Well, that might be too academic, Senator Redfield, for my colleagues. They might not have ever read Robert Lewis Stevenson, so I'll bring it down to a level where if they were children, they're familiar with this. They have a Heckle/Jeckle split personality. So here we are, listening to people saying, raise these fees, because it's just gouging the public and they won't know anyway. Well, the fact is they'll pay whatever they're told to pay if they want to go into a park. I was telling my seatmate, Senator Thompson, that I used to take my children to parks when they were little, and I took other kids along with them. When the fees started being increased, I just wouldn't go to the parks any more and I haven't gone to a state park in Nebraska and I will not. They don't care. They're not going to miss the little money that I don't pay, but it's a principle with me. These parks ought to be open to any and everybody, and if the state is going to maintain a park system, let it be maintained within the state's means. Parks can be rustic, they