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can be bucolic. They don't have to have all of the grass trimmed like it would be in somebody's front yard if they had a huge estate to which they were going to invite the elitists of the world. I have not heard anybody on this floor talk about any specific use that has to be made of this money other than Senator Schrock saying they want to pay people higher salaries, and they want to hire more people to do more work. Is that work essential to make a park what a park ought to be?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I haven't even heard Senator Schrock or those who support this bill give me the philosophy of park in Nebraska. There should be some plan, some underlying notion of what these parks are for, what they are supposed to accomplish in terms of benefiting the public at large. That has not been stated any more than conversation about safety was engaged in when we were talking about the carrier enforcement bill. Always the tangential issues but we never go to the core of the matter, and for that reason I'm going to offer amendment after amendment and I'm going to talk and talk and talk and force somebody, not most of my colleagues, to pay attention to what these kind of ongoing year after year guaranteed built into the law fee increases say about this state and the incompetency of this Legislature, the spinelessness of this Legislature, the willingness to abdicate its responsibility to revisit these areas every year if that's necessary, before gouging the public again and again and again.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's been a request to place the house under call. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.