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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if there is no voice...or if there's not fair representation throughout the state, legislation could be offered that slights some parts of the state? Even if that is not an intentional calculated goal that could be a result.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Members of the Legislature, I heard most...or much of what Senator Smith said, and I heard other discussion about where land is located that Game and Parks activity may be involved with, but what you have to look at is the fact that city people go to these parks and pay these increased fees, and these increased fees produce additional revenue to go out to take care of the land where my rural colleagues live, and they've got all the voices. Taxation without representation is tyranny. Maybe what I need to start doing is opposing everything that Game and Parks brings, not just these fee bills, and make them earn their money or at least their lobbyists. And if they have a rough enough row to hoe, every time they bring anything, I don't care how innocuous it is, they may become a bit more reasonable and may themselves see the need to do something different. I know that my colleagues can be prevailed on to amend bills when they get sufficiently tired, sufficiently worn down or if a sufficient squeeze is put on in terms of the time left for things that they have a more direct interest in. And my job is to create that squeeze situation. That's what I'm in this Legislature for, to make it difficult for people to do things that are hurtful, and to facilitate the doing of those things that are helpful. And I'm willing to stand like Horatius at the bridge and stop everything to the extent that I can, and what I cannot stop make it so difficult to get it done that people may give up on the fight. I'm in it for the duration, and I will not change from issue to issue and say, well, I'm too tired, we had to battle three days. No, the more we battle, just like when you're lifting or training or anything else, the more into it you get, the more energy you get, the more you feel like continuing. And if you're really enthusiastic, somebody has to stop you and say, take it easy, slow down. Well, on this bill, I think what is being offered is reasonable, and I'm going to support it. I