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withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT: ...wanted to withdraw it, it's withdrawn. It stands withdrawn, so we will...Mr. Clerk, I believe there is another motion that's in.

CLERK: Yes sir, there is.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk. Read the motion.

CLERK: Senator Dworak moves to return LB 542 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to strike Sections 42 and 43 of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, Mr. President and colleagues, this is another one of those items that I think deserves some scrutiny. I think this body needs to take a look at this. This primarily is the authorization of a deficit appropriation for a new state park between Lincoln and Omaha called the Newman Tract. The specific funds within the appropriation bill are federal, I'll grant that, but I do...and there are also some private donations in it, but I think we also know when we start expanding the park system, eventually we're taking away the monies that would be spent and allocated in other areas of our state park system. Now I think if I recall Senator Kelly here a year or two years ago made a very impassioned speech on parks and probably in favor of NORDA funds that the thing we need to do is improve and get our existing park system into shape before we expand it farther, and I think Senator Kelly made some very good arguments and some very good points in that particular address to this body. I'm concerned about the expansion of the system without scrutiny without public discussion, without discussion of this body. I think we've got a situation here that's potentially going to cost the state a lot of money. Now maybe it's well justified and maybe we can well rationalize the utilization of these funds and other funds that are going to be added to it if this thing continues to develop. I think this motion should have some discussion. I respectfully request that you return this to Select File for discussion purposes.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Mr. Speaker, this is the closest thing