

for these things and the greatest expenditure to me naturally would be the cost of gasoline to get wherever I am going. I can see where doubling the fee could make a difference as to whether some people would go to the park or not. I think with the other bills that have been passed, I mean that have been acted on favorably this morning, Game and Parks is taking in considerable cash. I get along very well with Senator Mahoney but that doesn't mean that I have to go for everything that he says. I get along very well with my ten year old son but I don't go along with everything he says and I like him better than I do Gene Mahoney. So, I am opposed to continuing to raise these fees for every single thing that relates to the use of the parks. That particular commission ought not to become primarily a generator of revenue to the greater glory of whoever happens to be the commissioner, whoever happens to sit on the commission or for whatever grandiose plans somebody might have in mind. These fees really are in the nature of a tax. Anytime you take something from the public to use that which should belong to the public can be considered a tax and I am opposed to doubling this amount. To be frank about it, the park out there was very clean but there was nothing in it to justify me paying that money except that it might cost something to maintain, to cut the grass and things like that. I thought I would see a vulture or turkey buzzard. I think they were advertised. I didn't see a single thing. The biggest bird that I saw was one that I could see in Omaha on the road to the state capital here because it was a hawk. My kids like hawks and I like to watch them but I didn't go all the way down there just to see a hawk. The kids wanted a ride but I thought I would see something that ordinarily I wouldn't. They can't even guarantee that I will see what is advertised as one of the features in the park, but in all seriousness, I am opposed to the raising of any of these fees. What Senator Nichol says about the duplicate, I can't comment on it too much but if in order to keep these present fees where they are it would be necessary to support what he is suggesting, I could do that reluctantly because I don't have enough information and knowledge about how that works to be strongly opposed to it as I am against the raising of these fees. So I am going to withdraw my kill motion. I think Senator Labeledz has already said that the money will continue to go where it has traditionally been going so that will be amended out of the bill, that new language on page 3, and I hope that you will act favorably on Senator Nichol's motion or at least the part of it that will keep the fees where they are. But since we cannot amend his amendment to the committee amendments, I guess we would have to take it the way he offered it and then go from there but I will support his amendment now.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.