

ago and we've got to quit pricing people out of the recreation, people who can't afford tremendous amounts of money for recreation, there should be a place that is available for them to go. That is what the state parks is for. \$5 is not unreasonable but I certainly cannot support anything beyond \$5. I will support eliminating the duplicate because I do see the need for...to stop the abuse that Senator Nichol talked about but if his amendment fails to be adopted, then I will have to ask you to kill the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, here we go again. Did you ever hear of a discriminatory tax? That is what we have if we don't raise the cost to the people that use the parks. It is discriminatory because then the balance, and there is a lot of balance of funds that it takes to take care of these parks, the taxpayer pays. We all say we want to take care of the poor. We want to do everything for them and they are the ones, a lot of them, that are going to pay the tax on and have no choice because it is general funds and don't ever kid yourself, that is how a good deal of the state parks are funded. This \$10 the people pay is only a very small part of it and they use it. Again, the people that use it should pay for it. I don't think there is any question about it. We've overlooked tourists. Tourists get off mighty easy in Kearney and that is great. We want them, but they pay taxes to use parks in other states much higher than this and I just can't see the reasoning of at least the people that use the parks should help pay for them more than the average taxpayer.

SENATOR CLARK: There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I understand Senator Nichol wishes to alter the amendment that we are considering. Is that true, Senator?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, the amendment was written in haste and the middle section that I put there was not concerning the annual resident fee which was the only portion I wish to address in that amendment. Mr. Clerk, if you will read the middle sentence of my amendment, that is the one that I would like to strike out if I may.

CLERK: Senator, what I would do, is I will just strike it and then read the remainder of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Fine.

CLERK: That way everybody will know what we are considering, all right.