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LB 74

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, you may close on your amendment to the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned before, if we kept it at 50¢, as Senator Chambers amendment, it would result in a \$88,230 reduction in revenues from the current rate, not a lesser increase from the original LB 74 but an actual reduction from existing rates. You must also note that there will probably be a reduction in revenues from the annual permit. For example, at a 50¢ temporary fee, an individual could go to a park ten times for the price of the current annual permit, fifteen times at the \$7.50 rate and twenty times at the \$10 rate and I believe many people will probably just buy the temporary permits rather than the annual. If they want to go to the parks every other week from May through August, it would be cheaper to just use the temporary permit. In that instance, our Games and Parks would lose \$2 if the individual used the temporary permit rather than the annual permit, and, Senator Lamb, at Victoria Springs where they had 72,500 people that visited the park, there has been a new shower and a new latrine building put up and a new water system and all of this was done out of the park entry permit. Now I mentioned yesterday on several occasions that it is unbelievable that people will go out to play golf or go bowling or spend a day in a city park or go to a movie and have to pay \$7 to \$8 for entertainment. \$2 to go and spend the whole day in a state park and take advantage of all the beautiful wonderful things that are happening in our parks today, I don't think that \$2, and I might mention for Senator Lamb, this is for a whole car of people, you take a station wagon with eight to ten people getting into a state park for \$2 a day is not asking too much. It is not per person, it is \$2 for every vehicle and I don't think that we are being outrageous or asking for too much to raise that from \$1.50 at the present time to \$2 and I urge the members to approve of this amendment to LB 74. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Motion before the House is the adoption of the Labeledz amendment to the Chambers amendment on LB 74. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays on the adoption of Senator Labeledz amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Labeledz amendment to the Chambers amendment is adopted. Now Senator Chambers, what do you want to do?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature,