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pledges that we are going to do something about it, if we price our parks out of the range of the ability of the average individual, and particularly, particularly a large group of people that have that as maybe their only form of recreation, the only thing they can afford, then maybe we have fallen down in one of the most fundamental duties of government. I think if you start looking at government, really, what is it? You provide police protection. You provide roads, national level of postal service and things like that. But, holy mackerel, from the very beginning, government has maybe had that one responsibility of having some places to go, some things for the average person to go, where he doesn't need to worry about getting mugged, robbed, raped, hopefully, and the parks in this day and age of inflation are so critically important and I am hearing talk from a lot of people that used to be able to afford it and they say they can't now. I know the financial problem of keeping them, but I tell you before the end of this session, I am going to be one of those looking and saying, "Look! If there is a four or five million dollar cost that we can get out of the general fund, by golly, that has got a heck of a lot of priority over gymnasiums and things like that in a limited area." I am supporting the bill at this point but I am making a pledge and a threat that I am going to try to get the four or five million somewhere else and cut the prices down because I think we have reached a point where we have got one heck of a great park system. It could be, two, three years from now, it could be about the only form of recreation anybody is going to have available that they can financially afford and we have got to keep it affordable. So I agree with what Senator Chambers says just about in total, and the only reason I am going along with the bill is to get the money to keep our park systems, but I repeat, I think we had all better figure a way to say that this is a high priority, and I am going to go so far as to say, maybe it is so high, maybe higher than some of the things that are sacred at the University, maybe some of the things that are sacred to us in agriculture. This is a "numero uno" in the real sense of the word. So let's see if we can't get some money out of that general fund before July 30th.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I, too, have a principle and I will say right off that Gene Mahcney hasn't said one word to me about this bill. If you check the records since we started the parks system charge, I have been for it entirely. And the reason I have and will be is that I believe sincerely that the people who use the park system should help pay for it rather than the people who never go near. Now, Senator Chambers, I think that that is where