

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, so you will know where the bill is being amended, it is on page two of the green copy, line twelve; and you should ignore the language in line twelve because where you see three dollars in the green copy that now reads two dollars. What I want to do is restore the amount to what it was originally, which is a dollar fifty cents. And this would be the temporary permit which would allow the casual user of the park to get in for the same amount that these types of people had been paying to get into the parks up to this point. And when I say, "these types of people," I include myself. Since this bill had been debated the last time I have had a number of people talk to me and say that they had witnessed the debate on television; and I was reminded that the sessions are carried during the day as they occur—and a number of these feel that the only thing they can afford to do is to go to the park. And believe it or not, for some of those of you who are very well-heeled, fifty cents can make a lot of difference when it comes to recreation. So I think since the parks anyway should be free and open to the public when all they want to do is go there and spend some time or have a picnic and they are not using any hookups or whatever, the parks ought to be free under those circumstances. It is not unreasonable to leave the unjust fee at its original unjust amount of one dollar fifty cents instead of compounding the injustice, Senator Labeledz, by adding another unjust fifty cents on the original unjust dollar fifty cents. So what I am hoping the members of the body will do is to think about this amendment and think about the people who will be involved. It is not the ones who I have had, I have heard described as having \$30,000 campers. And even on that issue, one lady talked to me in the halls of the Capitol the other evening and she said when the bill first started out, her camper was worth about \$15,000. A couple of days later when the bill was debated again it was worth \$30,000 so she had to go out and see if somebody had been replacing her poor broken down camper with these high priced luxurious models that were being discussed on the floor of the Legislature. So what we have done in discussing this bill, in a lot of instances, is to create circumstances that don't really exist for the generality of the people who want to use the parks. If somebody is very, very wealthy I don't think they are going to spend that much time in the parks anyway; but if a bill is going to be enacted that is going to establish fees, it should be based on what the majority of the people can afford to pay who will be using the park, not the occasional well-heeled fish;—and I know that is a mixture of metaphors, that would happen to come through. So while the Legislature is in a very distracted mood and not paying too much attention, I hope you will vote yes on this amendment. I guarantee you that it will be something beneficial to the public. You will be