

condemned by nobody except Eugene Mahoney who is the Director of the Game and Parks Commission, and he will not be too angry because he understands and he is concerned about what he often refers to as the little people. I was talking about this type of bill with another Senator, and we agreed that the problem we have in dealing with Game and Parks is that Senator Mahoney does too well what he does; and he is going to be so effective in what he does that like the silver tongued orator, some day his silver tongue may turn and cut his own throat. He can have so many fees piled on so many fees and it will happen that he will get these fees for a short period of time but then the system will break down of its own weight. Then what will be the set of circumstances that Senator Mahoney will have to try to deal with? I hope, on this one principle you will yield. I hope that the hardness of your hearts may be softened at least fifty cents worth and we'll open the parks to a few more of the public who ordinarily would be denied access to them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz and then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly agree with Senator Chambers on a few of his points especially when he talks about Senator Mahoney and the job he is doing and I think as legislators we are obligated to support some of the things that he is trying to do and make the parks, and as I mentioned in the last debate, if each and every one of us would take a tour through the state parks like I did, and incidentally I paid my own way on a "Know Nebraska" tour and it was something beautiful to behold and to see the accomplishments of what is happening in our state parks system is unbelievable and it does cost money and I would like to remind Senator Chambers that we do have ninety-two state park facilities. This includes the historical sites and so forth, the wayside parks and out of the ninety-two there are only fifty that are the fee areas so there are many places that they can go, the historical sites, the state wayside parks and even the Schramm Aquarium down near Omaha that there is no fees charged, yet it does cost a lot of money to keep these places up. We need the two dollar daily entrance fee. Actually it has only been raised fifty cents as Senator Chambers mentioned but the economy, the impact on the programs that are planned and the cost of even printing the tickets and the vendors, the cost for the vendors that we have to pay the vendors for selling the permits. I don't think two dollars for a daily permit and we are speaking of a vehicle now. We are not speaking of individuals. A station wagon with eight, ten people can go through for two dollars for the entire day or a car full of four or five people or even a busload of people can go through for a dollar, right now it is a dollar