

more likely the 89,000 which was raised. It was my understanding that the \$2,000 was supposed to have covered the cost and that the \$89,000 is a different program. I do not believe, as I understood the individuals who testified, that they ever intended for the program, this program in particular, to cost anywhere near \$89,000. I will, however, check on it because I think it is important that we do know. I think that it might be compatible with the nature conservancy program and certainly the nature conservancy could provide funds for this kind of an activity if they so chose. But I do believe that there isn't any way that we could at the present time possibly spend anywhere near the \$89,000 on this program. It would have to grow by leaps and bounds if that were to occur and I'm sure as Senator Warner has said, he is interested in this kind of a preservation program, if that were to occur, the Game and Parks would come before the Budget Committee and make their case for the funding. I just want to say that I have from time to time on this floor expressed concern about lack of adequate debate. If the debate on LB 251 is any indication of what we can expect in the days ahead, this should be the most informed Legislature that we have sat in in 20 years, and so I just want to suggest that this was probably a step in the right direction and it probably is a good idea, it is a good idea without any doubt to explore these areas because the funding in any program is critical to its success and, of course, the tendency of budgets to grow is well known around here and certainly very few of them start with massive appropriations. Most of them start with small appropriations such as this one and then have a tendency to grow, but I do believe that this will be a limited amount of money for a very worthwhile program, one which we can keep an eye on and one which will benefit a great many people and our children in years to come and, therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I would move that the bill be advanced as amended.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 251 as amended. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 251.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 251 advances. Anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, whose Chair is Senator Baack, reports