

SENATOR LAMB: LB 127 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is LB 167 offered by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) It was introduced on January 5, referred to the Natural Resources Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this bill changes the penalty for entering a park permit area without a valid permit from an infraction to a Class V misdemeanor, which is a maximum of a \$100 fine and no minimum, no imprisonment. The reason for this bill is that when out of state persons visit our Game and Parks areas and violate the park permit principle they cannot be...the violation cannot be enforced as an infraction. This gives us the ability to enforce the use...the invalid use of a park permit or the absence of a park permit. I would be glad to answer any questions.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Schmit, can I ask you a question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Surely.

SENATOR LAMB: Would you respond, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Surely.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'm on a question binge this morning. I guess one of the things I have with the fees and so forth, you know, I have occasion to go to the parks, maybe not...for a very short period of time and you have to pay the...you know, it's not that much but if you only want to go in there for 15 minutes, you've got to get the permit to get in the place. If they have...you know, for a short period of time, have they ever considered that? You work probably closer to the Games and Parks than I do, but that's one of my bones of contention with it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, we could put a parking meter out there for you, I guess, Senator Hartnett, but that probably wouldn't