

Senator Korshoj, naturally I will stand up and vigorously oppose this part of your amendment. As many of you know, phase I of the Park Lodge was...which is now under construction and I understand it is completed, almost completed, and the park water and electrical distribution systems were built totally by donated money. The park cabins, the lake marina and the administration building and theater, a fishing bridge, picnic shelters and other projects have been funded in whole or in part by donated dollars. Senator Korshoj mentioned that none of this is in or out of his district and I feel the same way about myself. But we talk about spending dollars, believe me, when we talk about the state park system or the historical sites, we're talking about projects or proposals that involve the people themselves. So right now the Interstate 80 interchange located about one mile south of the Platte River near the southeast corner of Mahoney Park is scheduled to be let to contract in February, 1990. The road surfacing project from Ashland to the park and interstate interchange is scheduled to be let a contract in 1989. The new cabins and the lodge rooms at Mahoney Park will meet a need for more visitor housing. The demands at Platte River State Park, I understand now, is about four persons being turned away for every one now that is accommodated. It is something that the Omaha and Lincoln and the entire state is looking forward to because when they do come anywhere near the Omaha or Lincoln area, they certainly do look for housing or cabins at either one of the state parks. So I urge you to reject the amendment. It is 330,000, but let me tell you one thing, that 6.2 million has been obligated in building the park to date. Of that amount \$5.6 million...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...in private donation has been expended, is available or is pledged. The recreation road funds of 1.2 million have been spent and the federal funds of nearly 719,000 and state funds of a mere \$612,000 have been obligated. Now that's not very much money in state funds, yet we're going to have one of the finest state parks in the State of Nebraska, so I urge you to reject this amendment on LB 814. It is something that will benefit all the people of the State of Nebraska and certainly bring a lot of tourism to the state. I urge you to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, did you wish to speak?