

first increase in the fees in some 14 years and I think time has dictated that we try and provide more resources to this program which, again, I think no one is arguing against the fact the program has done positive things for improvement to the habitat of our state, it's more of a philosophical concern about the public ownership of land. And I might say that there has been some questions about the issue of in-lieu-of-tax payments and over the 14 years, as the land has been acquired, approximately \$375,000 has been paid over those years since 1978 by the habitat program for taxes or in-lieu-of-tax payments. So we are paying some or the commission is at least paying some into the state to offset some of the concerns people might have with this land going off the tax rolls. But, again, as I said, it's a program designed to help offset the decline of our habitat across the state and I think over the years it's shown that it's been a fairly successful program and this will help enhance the Game and Parks Commission to continue the work in this habitat area. So I would move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. You've heard Senator Johnson's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 340. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 340. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 340.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 340 advances. Before we continue with the next bill, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. We have some guests of Senator Hillman. Her daughter, Jeannie Hergenreder and her husband, Bob, and her grandchildren, Ryan and Trevor, are under the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. We also have some guests of Senator Beutler and Senator Bernard-Stevens. They are in the south balcony and they are a group of third and fourth graders from the Hawthorne Elementary School here in Lincoln, and their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. Mr. Clerk, we will proceed to LB 433.

CLERK: Mr. President, 433 was a bill introduced by Senators Wesely, Smith, Crosby and Rasmussen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to Health and Human