

my district, in particular, is situated quite well between Kansas City, St. Joe, Lincoln, Omaha, and other areas. It can work for us. It can work for you, and it also provides much needed recreational opportunities which in some areas are really lacking, and I'd urge you to support the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have spoke quite a bit on this, and I will just say, briefly, I continue to oppose the advancement of this bill for reasons I have already iterated, primarily, and it has helped to at least take some of the money out and, perhaps, that needs to be tuned further, from my perspective, but I simply say that this is in the wrong place. There are appropriate places. This is not one, and I would oppose the advancement of this bill.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schmit, on the advancement of LB 714.

**SENATOR SCHMIT:** Well, Mr. President, I guess there are some advantages to going back to Bellwood every night and stopping and listening to your constituents from time to time. I have been told many times that those of us down here have got to start to learn to spend less, and place a different order of priorities on what we do spend money on. And I would have a hunch that I am going to speak to some people again tonight in Wahoo and some people in David City tomorrow night, and I can tell you, very frankly, what they are going to say. They have a lot more opportunities for potential than they can afford to pay for now. It's a little bit like being overdrawn at the bank, and not having your house payment paid for, your light bill paid, but you order yourself a new Mercedes, and I think we are getting that done more and more and more. We can't take care of legitimate responsibilities. I do not think that it is a major responsibility of the State of Nebraska to provide additional recreational facilities for people who already can afford much of that recreation on their own. I have no objection to them spending their own money, doing their own thing, but we already spend a lot of money on that sort of thing and I really believe it is a mistake. I think we are going to find, as we discuss the budget, that we are going to have to leave a lot of necessary expenditures out because we don't have the money. Eventually, this will become a substantial cost, it will be built into the system, and it will be something then which will