

the rural communities because I think drawing people out into the communities for recreational activities is part of the answer, maybe a small part of the answer, to curtailing or ending that sliding, that slow deterioration in the rural areas. We need to start working together on how to stop that, and this can be one tool. This can be one tool. Nebraska, the good life. You know, if you want to attract industry into Nebraska, it is just not a matter of economic advantage of the industry itself. Obviously, that will always be most important, but you know the people who run industries have to want to live some place. They have to want to live here. If there is just a marginal difference between locating their business in Iowa or locating it in Nebraska, and the wife says or the spouse says, well, what is there to do in Nebraska? What kind of life is it? And Iowa is sitting over there with all kinds of interesting recreational activities for the families and children of these corporate executives, I suggest to you that that is going to make a difference in economic development also. You have got to have people wanting to live in a particular place, and to have them want to live here, there's got to be things to do. Life has to be a little fun, it has to have a little class, a little excitement. We don't have mountains, and we don't have a sea. We don't have some of those natural attractions that other states have. And so I think that is why it is especially important for us to develop our park systems and to develop our recreational activities. We have to make our Promised Land. We have to make the quality of life in Nebraska.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: We have got to do it ourselves. It is not just there for us, and if we continue to lag behind in this particular area, we will just perpetrate that ho-hum image of Nebraska that is out there in the country, as a blah, nonexciting place to live. We need to do some things to change that image, to make the quality of life mean something a little bit different and something a little bit more to those who are thinking of coming here, and to those who are thinking of leaving here. We want to make it a good place to live, and this is a small price to pay to increase the quality of life in Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard Senator Beutler's closing on the motion to advance LB 714. We will now proceed to vote on that advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We