

of property? So I'm going to vote no on this but, obviously, one can make two choices here, whether to follow the haphazard processes that we've used in the past and I think you would have to admit that you really have no clear idea in this instance whether this is a good deal or not other than the fact that Game and Parks has indicated to us presumably by presenting it to us that it's a good deal. But if we're going to just accept Game and Parks' word with no...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...showing whatsoever, then we might as well not even require approval by the Legislature because there's no point to the process. I'm simply suggesting that certainly for the future and perhaps in this case we should show a lot more caution about accepting property when we have required no evidence and really have no idea whether there may be liabilities that come along with this property and maintenance costs that come along with this property that would outweigh the good that would accrue by virtue of the state owning the property. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President, members, to try and answer some of Senator Beutler's questions, information I was just provided, the contract that we're talking about that the Game and Parks Commission would assume, they would have to pay \$64 a year for the...to participate in the contract. There are four, as I understand it, there are four hydrants on the property and which the pipeline runs across and, as I understand it, the person or persons responsible or own the property are responsible then for the maintenance and repairs of the pipeline as it goes across that respective property. So I think Game and Parks is aware of their responsibility and understand and will abide by whatever limitations or responsibilities that they are asked to take on should they accept this property as they wish under this resolution. I don't think this resolution is any different than others that we have dealt with when land has been deeded to whether it be the Game and Parks or other state agencies. Probably more often than not, we're talking about Game and Parks because most of the land that goes into the Game and Parks Commission, or I shouldn't say most, but I know on several occasions we've had land given by foundations or by individuals to the Game and Parks to be made into parks or