

management areas as is the case in this situation where they'd like to have it be adjoining to the Thomas Creek Wildlife Management area, so that's a little explanation at least what I have been given this morning relative to the obligations that Game and Parks would take on should they...should we approve this resolution and approve the transfer of property from the Marcotte family to the Game and Parks Commission.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I can understand the concern expressed by Senator Beutler and we know that sometimes it's the old adage, it isn't the original cost, it's the upkeep that comes along and causes concern and expense for an agency. However, I rise in support of this resolution. I do believe that it is a very worthwhile transfer of property and the Marcottes ought to be thanked for making this available. Game and Parks, of course, have a very exhaustive procedure whereby they research even a gift and they have been known in the past, and I have had several occasions where individuals have come to me who wanted to make a gift to the Game and Parks and the Game and Parks decided it was not feasible and I noticed this happened a number of times when Mr. Mahoney was Director of Game and Parks and I am sure that the present director, Mr. Amack, is just as thorough. I do agree with Mr. Beutler, Senator Beutler, that there may well be a need for some kind of procedure because many of our statutes carry the language that say it is thereby legal for this agency or this entity to accept gifts and money, property and any other cause or any other source and sometimes that sort of gift may be compromising to the agency. So, therefore, it could be that there ought to be a better procedure established and I would be glad to work with Senator Beutler and Senator Johnson and any other legislator who wants to review that. But I do believe that this is an appropriate gift. I believe it is a desirable gift and I believe the Game and Parks have no doubt researched it well and find it to be an economic benefit to the very fine system we have in existence today and so, therefore, I would support the resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Morrissey. Does anyone else wish to speak to this resolution? Do you have closing, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Very briefly, Madam President. I agree