

will strictly adhere to the 15-minute time limit.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: What committee is this? Natural Resources.
Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are committee amendments. Basically just to explain quickly, in order to be able to explain the committee amendment, Game and Parks is agreeable to and, in fact, would like to do this little deal with the county of Buffalo whereby they turn over the small recreational area located just outside of Ravenna to Buffalo County, and Buffalo County will take care of it and operate it as...as a park, essential. Part of the reason they wanted...there were a number of reasons why they wanted to do this, I think, but part of the reason they wanted to do it is because a private individual who owns land adjacent to that area, through a long complicated scenario, failed to get an access easement to his property. In order to get access to that property, there has to be an access road through this recreation area, through this park. Game and Parks didn't want to do that. Buffalo County would like to operate it anyway. They're not opposed to giving that access easement. It's not probably all that big a deal. Game and Parks didn't want to set a precedent for their parks by allowing this sort of thing to happen. In any event, what will happen, once this is turned over to Buffalo County, is that they will grant this private individual an easement. And that is one of the conditions of the committee...of the committee amendment that the easement will be granted. This individual is a very good person, also happens to own, on the northern part of that contingent, the northern part of that contingent land that he owns, runs most most of the distance between the village of Ravenna and this recreation area. Being a very public-minded citizen, he was very agreeable to granting to Buffalo County and the city of Ravenna an easement right for the possibility of building a recreational trail between the town and the recreation area should they ever be interested in doing that. There's no current plan to do that, but in exchange for the easement he's giving, he's willing to give...he's getting, he's willing to give an easement for a possibility of a recreational trail. And so that's what's been worked out in the committee amendments to which everybody is agreeable. And in addition, Game and Parks did not ever want to get this property back. I