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It's out in California, into Nevada, and probably moving this direction. But I'm not going to agree to give Game and Parks an increase in fees every time some new disease comes along. The fees become a disease. And it's too easy to give them what they want. Right now, there are people losing jobs. There are people who are having to take reductions in benefits to keep jobs. Those who lose jobs are having difficulty finding new employment. Companies are going out of business. Union Pacific is going to cut some people off, and they sent us a letter saying, but you all just be cool and don't pay any attention to that, because we're going to bring some other people here from Kansas City when we push them into a recession. And they will bow to what Union Pacific wants. But what about the ordinary citizen? Not those who are ignored by the Farm Bureau Federation. There are more nonfarmers who belong to that operation than farmers. They're mainly an insurance operation. I've been on the Ag Committee, and every time they come in, they take a position, generally speaking, against the ordinary farmer, the ordinary rural person. They are the equivalent of the urban corporate structure. Their interests are way up here on the fourteenth floor. And where the working, struggling people are on the first floor or the basement or the subbasement, those on the fourteenth floor don't even have to pay attention to their existence. So these fees are going to impact on the people on the first floor. Some of those on the fourteenth floor will pay, or they might be given a pass and not have to pay anything. And if they get stopped by a game warden, what's going to happen to them? They can tell him, I'll get your job. Now, the number of fees, I guess, can be counted if you look at these papers Senator Stuhr has handed out to us. Sometimes you overwhelm the opposition by giving them what appears to be an insurmountable pile of data. That which is indigestible, that which you have to maintain a certain mental alertness to even plow your way through. But that's what we're paid to do. That's why we are here. But not all of us are going to undertake to do that onerous drudge work. But I will.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When people run for office, they have to get the votes of the ordinary people, because there are not enough