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get them interested in these areas, which probably cuts across Senator Chambers' view of these matters in a curious sort of way. But in any event, I think the fees would be used...the ability to charge fees would be used cautiously, for that reason. And Senator Stuthman, please remember that when you keep the fees up, you decrease the use of General Funds. When you decrease the use of General Funds for state activities, you increase our ability to use General Funds for state aid. When you increase our ability to use General Funds for state aid, it tends to relieve property taxes, which of course, is another one of the major problems out in your area. So that cuts a couple of different ways too. And I would ask folks who live in rural areas to keep that in mind as they...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...consider the balances on this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Natural Resources Committee did hear this bill on January 22, five days ago, on a Wednesday. Had excellent testimony. It was not a long hearing. I would remind the body that as of July 1, Game and Parks took a 3.8 percent hit when it came to General Fund money. And during the August special session, they took another 3.8 percent hit in General Fund money. Senator Wehrbein could probably help me out on this, but I believe if you go back in history you'll find that about 20 years ago, Game and Parks was about 70 percent general funded and about 30 percent fee funded. And that has reversed. They are now 70 percent fee funded and 30 percent general funded. We could go back that direction. But are you willing to appropriate the money for that? As far as hunting and fishing being a cost to rural Nebraskans, I think if they want to hunt and fish, the modest increase that may happen as a result of this bill will not deter them from buying that permit. For the most part, most of them have pickups and hunting weapons and fishing equipment that far exceeds anything they would pay for their hunting and fishing permit. And yes, I could poll my constituents and they would