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selected LB 294 as his priority bill for the session. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 319-320.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll then proceed with General File, LB 306.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 306, a bill by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 13 of this year, at that time referred to the Natural Resources Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was discussed yesterday, Mr. President. At that time, Senator Stuhr had an amendment to the bill that was adopted. When the Legislature adjourned for the day, Senator Chambers had pending a motion to indefinitely postpone. That motion is before the body.

SPEAKER BROMM: Members, we'll proceed on LB 306. Senator Stuhr, would you want to just briefly give us the status of the bill on the floor at this point?

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 306 allows...and I want to emphasize the word "allows"...an increase in the current statutory cap on a variety of permits and fees that are administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The current permits and fees have reached the statutory limits that were established ten years ago, in 1993. Again, before any fees are...or permits are raised, there needs to be a public hearing where the citizens have the opportunity to review and comment on any of the changes. And I might also add, there's a limited six percent increase per year. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: I believe we have a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill pending. Senator Chambers, the Chair would recognize you with respect to your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill is a boondoggle. It's three-card monte. It's a shell game. And it's regrettable that the Legislature is being asked to play the stooge of the Game and Parks Commission. There is no agency of government which sees to the welfare of