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Lake McConaughy. Probably one of the premier beaches of any interior state in the United States is at Lake McConaughy. And it's visited a lot by out-of-state tourists, especially Colorado people. And keep in mind that that is revenue into the state when Colorado comes to Lake McConaughy. So Game and Parks is very valuable for the state of Nebraska. I think the least we can do is let them be one of the few states that charges only \$20 for a park permit. And if you note the states around us, South Dakota charges \$20; I believe Kansas is \$35; I believe Colorado is \$50. We are...it is a bargain. You buy it once a year. You can buy a daily permit. I don't know what else to say about it. This is not a new bill. This is not a new concept. Game and Parks asked the Natural Resources Committee to introduce and carry this bill two years ago. And for those of you who are freshmen senators, this bill was heavily debated last year as an amendment onto LB 1003. And as a compromise, we did withdraw this portion of the bill, and we passed LB 1003 last year without this. It is time to pass LB 122. If we do not pass this, we cannot expect Game and Parks to manage and to maintain our parks in a manner that we deem would be acceptable to the people who are visiting them. And nobody likes to go to a recreation area and see that the park is not kept up, the rest rooms are not well maintained, and the camping area is not clean. So unfortunately, this is a pay-as-you-go bill. I think it's necessary. I have done everything I can, I believe, to explain to you what takes place. I encourage you to look at the map, take them if you want to. I do have a few extras back here. With that, I will close my opening remarks, and try to answer any questions. I believe there is a committee amendment pending. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Yes, Senator Schrock. Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend with committee amendments, AM0017. (Legislative Journal page 285.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is more of a technical amendment. It just allows the Game