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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, they have said that they're not going to raise these fees, but if a raise is to occur, and I'm talking about in lines 7 and 8, not the daily amount, what would likely be the amount they would raise the fee?

SENATOR SCHROCK: They have indicated that they'd probably raise the fee \$2 a year until they got to the \$20 level.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much would \$2 bring in?

SENATOR SCHROCK: The range could be anywhere from \$337,000 to \$1.5 million. But the \$20 fee could bring an extra \$1.5 million per year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose there were a penny of cigarette tax money, and the first year whatever was brought in would not be needed entirely by the Game and Parks. So if that penny was dedicated, then whatever was not needed would go into the fund, wherever they put this money, and it would be there. What do you think about something like that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: State that again, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. If a penny in cigarette tax money were dedicated to the parks, and that penny would bring in, at this point, one-point-something million dollars, and the first year they raise this amount on the park fee may bring in three-hundred-and-something thousand dollars, or whatever; if there was any overage, based on the one penny, that penny having been dedicated would send that money into whatever fund these fees go into. So if we could get a penny of cigarette tax money, we wouldn't have to raise these fees, would we? We wouldn't need what this bill is doing? Is that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: If you're taking the...if you're talking about taking away the cigarette tax money and replacing that with park fee, fee increases...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. Take the cigarette money and give it to the parks.