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some wishing to speak, but they dare not, so we got to get our language right. This measure before us right now, in terms of the amendment that I'm offering, would reduce the cost of this permit from \$14 to \$10. Do I expect it to be rejected? Yes. I would expect anything that I offer at this point to be rejected. People are not paying attention who need to be paying attention, and I'm not talking about my colleagues here now because you all are just the backdrop. You all are the background noise. There are people out in the Rotunda calling the shot on this bill, and they're the ones who need to know and, so far, they haven't been persuaded that there needs to be any give so I've got to persuade them. I think we ought to reduce these fees. I'd like to see them done away with altogether. I'd like to see some of these big shots, who benefit so much and get so much credit, donate some money to a fund to maintain the parks, but they're not going to do that. If they were as generous with their money as I am with my time that I'm willing to spend on this floor, we wouldn't have this bill before us. I'd like to ask Senator Schrock a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, at what point, if this bill passes, does the Game and Parks Commission intend to raise these fees?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's my understanding they would raise the fees \$2 next year, \$2 the following year, and then they would go to the maximum of \$20 a year after that. But that is... would be what they thought would happen. It's a probability, it's not a certainty, and anything they would do would have to be approved by the commissioners.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they would also raise the daily fee from \$2 to \$2.50.

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's \$2.50 now. They would have the authority to raise it to \$4.