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FLOOR DEBATE

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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 122 is a bill by Senator Schrock and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, at that time referred to Natural Resources. The bill was discussed yesterday on the floor, Mr. President. At that time, there was committee amendments that were adopted. There was an amendment. Senator Chambers had offered an amendment that failed. Pursuant to that action, Senator Chambers would offer to motion to reconsider the vote on that amendment, specifically FA1151. Senator, I have your motion to reconsider pending at this time. (Legislative Journal page 339.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this motion is going to be withdrawn. But before doing that, I want to make a few comments. Then I'm going to give time to...well, then I'll withdraw it, and then Senator Schrock will take over. Senator Schrock and I had been discussing this bill on the floor during its consideration. And we each saw that there might be some room for some give by both sides, but we couldn't put our hand on exactly what we could do while the debate was going on. Subsequent to our adjournment, Senator Schrock and I had a conversation, from which arose an amendment which he is going to offer. In order that I need not speak again on the bill while it's on General File, I'll make my comments about the amendment now. The first part of this bill, which relates to allowing, over a period of time, the Game and Parks Commission to raise the annual entry fee from \$14 to \$20, is what I have been giving a lot of time to, bludgeoning, fighting, arguing, and so forth. My main concern, however, was with the second part of the bill that would deal with the daily entry fee. Under the bill the way it is drafted, that fee, which currently is \$2.50 per day, would be allowed to rise, by degrees, to a total amount of \$4 per day. I am primarily concerned about that daily entry fee, because the people for whom I am attempting to speak would be more likely to attend these parks on a day-by-day basis, maybe once a year, maybe twice a year. And they may not be able to accumulate enough money to buy an annual entry permit anyway. So what Senator Schrock and I agreed to do, and he will go into more detail, is to let that annual fee increase part of the bill