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it's \$25 per vehicle for a permit; in Minnesota, \$25 per vehicle, \$7 per vehicle as far as coming in on a daily basis; and South Dakota, \$20, our neighboring state, and that's where we have a lot of our competition between our parks, \$20 per vehicle for an annual permit, \$3 per person or \$5 per vehicle. So in other words, we have the best deal right now for supporting, as far as anyone using these parks, and I think we're going to have to raise this fee in order to keep up the quality that we are enjoying in these parks in the state of Nebraska. So another thing is, the last few years, the costs...since 1993 and to 2004, the cost of maintenance of these parks has gone up 50.2 percent. That's for gravel, electrical rates, plumbing, natural gas, landfill fees, gas, waist-high grills, ground grills. Everything that they've done has gone up 50.2 percent and our fees have only gone up 20 percent, so it's not keeping up. So I think this is a very modest request on their part. And again, I think it's one of the best bargains we have in the state of Nebraska for people who like...love nature, who love to live outdoors, and it's for families, and rich or poor. And \$17 for an annual permit is very reasonable and this slight increase is very, very reasonable. My wife and I use this considerably. We used to use it more when we had more time. We take our grandchildren, we used to take our children camping, and that's a place where families can go for a full day for \$3 or \$4 and enjoy that whole day or spend several days there, and it's just a very reasonable way to spend time with your family and teach them more of the values of life. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Chambers, and this is your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Engel, Senator Schrock, Senator Stuhr, and those who support this bill, you're not going to change my mind on those daily fees. You're going to have to use the Rule of 33. That means you're going to have to get enough votes to get cloture. I have opposed the increase in these daily fees, and I will continue to do so. I'd like to ask Senator...I don't see Senator Schrock. I'd like to ask Senator Engel a question.