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people will quit going to the parks. That's a fact. You have a poorly-maintained park with rest room facilities that are not maintained, people won't go to the parks. They won't come back. And so it's important that we have a Game and Parks that is well-financed and that can perform the daily duties that it takes to maintain the parks. Most of the historical parks and some of the recreation parks lose money at the present time. There's only a few of them that are money-makers. One of them is Lake Mahoney. Your issue of the Game and Parks people being elitists, I have some sympathy for what you're saying there, but I will also tell you that three of the members on the commission are farmers, and I would consider them for the most part blue-collar people. And next week we're going to hold a hearing on a commissioner from Frontier County who is a school teacher. And so I don't know what you would consider that. But in the past, there's been some thought that a lot of times it's elitists appointed to the commission. But I will say this. As near as I can ascertain, the people who serve on that commission have the best interests of the state at heart and they're interested in hunting and fishing, and they're interested in the recreational opportunities for the residents of the state of Nebraska. So I do think that's something that most all of the commissioners have in common. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. On with discussion of the bracket motion, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I oppose the bracket motion, and did also want to share I have the information that Senator Schrock shared on that option or lottery that it was opened only to the bighorn sheep, and we are now adding deer, antelope, elk and wild turkey to those available for auction or lottery permits. I, too, just wanted to make a comment about the commissioners. I do think that they are...they do come from all walks of life, but I do share some of the concerns that Senator Chambers has expressed. I don't feel that they have any additional privileges. I have heard that they, too, have to wait in line for cabins or such as other people do. There are a number of things besides the fee increases that this bill does create, and I shared with you some of those when I opened on the bill, and that's a one-day