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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they could use a 30.06?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR STUHR: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, I, too, oppose the bracket motion. I know Senator Chambers mentioned it gives everybody time to ponder this a little more, but actually bracketing till 5-29-05, I think we wouldn't have much time to act. But as far...I want to add to what Senator Schrock said as far as the elitists on the commission. Like you say, there are three farmers and which we...they all consider themselves blue-collar, and then, of course, this one school teacher. There are eight on the commission, so half of the people are not elitists. And even those who are supposedly elitists, who happen to have some wealth, those people also have, besides being on the commission, they're able to secure endowments, et cetera. So I think you have to have a mixed match on this commission, and so that part I think is taken care of. The only thing is, I do want to compare to...going to a state park and taking...if you have a family, and that's what state parks are basically family-oriented, if you have a family and you take this family to a movie, what's that cost you? You know, when you take...if you have four or five children, you take them to a movie nowadays, and you have to buy popcorn and so forth, which you don't have to do, but if you're just getting in the movie, you spend \$50, \$60, and before the evening is over, you spent \$100 there just for family, for entertainment. And in the park itself, you can get in there for \$3 or \$4 a day, spend the whole day out there. You can be picnicking, you can have games, you can...all kinds of activities. You read, you can do whatever you want to do. It's a very relaxing atmosphere. And you can do it for so little money. So I think this additional fee is such a small price to pay for the benefits that people receive from this. So with that, I do believe that we need this, we need this fee because, like I say in Appropriations, they've