

boat at Summit Lake. Yet if you go there and you visit, you will find a padlock on the gate. Why? Because the Game and Parks Commission does not have sufficient funds to live up to the promise it made in 1977 and operate the facility. My amendment, my amendment would appropriate only \$43,578 for staff salaries, operating expenses, and equipment for Summit Lake so that it can be opened as a recreational facility. This is a one year only expense. The revenue created by the lake will cover most of its operating costs in subsequent years. The need for recreation facilities in this area is unquestioned. It is estimated that the lake area will provide 70,000 visitor days of recreation annually in camping, picnicking, swimming, fishing, hiking, hunting, canoeing, and sailing. I would remind you that over 35% of the population of the state is within one hour's drive of Summit Lake. Now that this potential is so near to being realized, it is no time to suddenly stop supporting Summit Lake. The State of Nebraska has already spent \$333,000 from the general fund appropriations in building this lake. Property taxpayers have spent \$111,000 more. A total of \$337,000 has been spent on recreational facilities which will have to either be removed or fall into disrepair if the state cannot come up with a mere \$43,000 in this year only. It seems a small price to pay for providing recreation to those Nebraskans who need it most. I would urge, I would urge that this body vote for this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd rise to oppose Senator Goll's amendment but to also explain what the committee did. You will recall in LB 629 that will come up later, when that was advanced from General File, we discussed the problem that has developed over the years where the Game Commission signs contracts with a variety of these kinds of improvements in which the contract is contingent upon the Legislature appropriating general fund money for the operation of the park facilities around these dams, and there were four such dam areas, dam site areas, that come under the same provisions of a contract of which Summit Lake is one of them, and what the Appropriations Committee was recommending is to put that in or did put it in LB 629 which was the bill that if there is adequate revenue when we get toward the end of the session that some of these things could be done and Summit Lake is included in that along with Willow Creek, South Fork Natural Resource District, and the Oliver Reservoir. All four of these are included in 629 and I would suggest that if there is adequate funds to do this as we get further down, why then it can be