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question of whether a particular fee is a dollar or two too much or too little. And so in 1993, the system was changed. And I don't know how many times over the last ten years somebody has had occasion to complain about a fee. It hasn't been very often. Rarely. If they are unsatisfied with whatever fee within the range Game and Parks has picked out, obviously they're still free to bring a bill to the Legislature, suggesting that the fee be different or that the range be different or whatever. But I think it's been a good change to the system. And I think ten years after the initial change is about the right time for the next set of range changes for the committee to make. So I was delighted to see the committee and Senator Stuhr bring forward this bill. I think it makes eminent sense in terms of the legislative process and how the Legislature should relate to an agency that has a large number of fees of one type or another. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's because this agency is given such authority to raise so many fees by so much that I have concern about it. I don't think we ought to relinquish oversight simply because to exercise oversight would take some work. We're here to do the work. These fees are taxes. I believe anything that the state takes from the citizens is a tax. Taxes are the means by which governments raise revenue. They can call it a surcharge, they can call it a fee, a licensing fee, whatever they choose. And rarely is there any correlation between the money taken and what it is that the state claims it's going to give. The Game and Parks Commission itself is top-heavy with people unlike the ordinary citizens of Nebraska. It's a political plum. These positions are given out for political reasons. Senator Beutler... I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question or two before I proceed, because I don't want to misrepresent the record or anything Senator Beutler may have attempted.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, would you yield, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.