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that's under the amendment, Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER: Did you want Senator Luedtke to respond?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, it's whatever the Game Department if they designate a park that you require the fee, that's the fees required but there could be one down the road where the Game Commission didn't designate, then no fee would be charged.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I am still back at my original question about picnic or rest stop. For example, am I to understand and I don't care who answers this question that the rest stops on the interstate would come under this act if the Game Commission wants them to. That everybody driving the interstate if they just want to take a rest stop would have to pay a buck.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I was under the impression that the Game Commission wouldn't designate them for the fees.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, I'll tell you this. We will sure go down in the history of the United States if we start that on the interstate.

SENATOR SYAS: I agree with you and I am on and off I notice up here.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: And I mean, down in history.

SENATOR SYAS: I wouldn't think the Game Commission would designate something like that as requiring a fee.

SPEAKER: Well, I don't know. The chair recognizes Senator Schmit, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, before we begin to discuss the bill I think that we should act on the committee amendment and then let's go back to discuss the bill. I move the adoption of the committee amendments again.

SPEAKER: That's correct. We are still discussing the committee amendments to LB 255. Do you all understand the amendments. These were committee amendments. The question is are you all through discussing the committee amendments. I think that's the question. Senator Luedtke, I'm wondering if you are through discussing the committee amendments?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'm still not satisfied what this "may designate areas" means. I'm not ready to vote for the amendment until I find out what it means, personally. You can go ahead and...

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Commission may designate any area and I do not believe they would designate those areas that are along the interstate. They would designate those areas which they felt would be properly regarded as picnic areas. Now, I would like to go back and if you insist upon discussing the bill at this time, then I'll do so. The Interim Study Committee held hearings on whether or not more Parks area were needed in Nebraska. We had a lot of people that came in and testified. We held several hearings in areas around Omaha. We had several hearings here in Lincoln and we had at no time did we have any opposition to the idea of a user fee for parks or for picnic areas. On the contrary, I had a great many people who came to me, both personally at the hearings and who wrote me, and insisted that they would be very happy to pay a user fee for the use of these parks and picnic areas if