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SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, LB 255 is not ambiguous, the parks department have four different areas in which they can mix fee use areas, there is no problem in this area, but there is a problem in those areas that the state of Nebraska rents by a lease to private operators, and when they specify an area, it includes that lease hold and prohibits the lease holder from operating his private business. Senator Carstens amendment will exempt that lease hold from the fee area, and allow the private operator to operate which is a tremendous asset to the operation of that park. We should do everything and the games and parks commission should do everything to keep that private operator on that lease hold and keep him on there at a profit, and Senator Carstens amendment will do that. We should pass it and get on with passing 255.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Well Mr. President, am I on the air? I think my question is along the line of Senator Marsh, Senator Norees. I think probably it should be directed to Senator Syas.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

SENATOR KIME: Well Senator we have I noticed as Senator Nore says these areas are not designated, now we have the Ballard Marsh Hunting Area up there, it has a nice little camp ground, very well taken care of, and a nice place to stop and stay over night for the camper, or for two or three days. Is that included in your, would that be included in this bill? As a place to have to pay fees?

SENATOR SYAS: If it's a recreation area it can or cannot be designated, yes. If that's what it is, now Ballard Marsh, it is state, it's a hunting area and a fishing area, but one thing I cannot answer is that a special youth area or a recreation area?

SENATOR KIME: A special youth area, and I think for hunting only.

SENATOR SYAS: Special youth area.

SENATOR KIME: There is no fishing there.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, it would be up to the designation of the game department.

SENATOR KIME: Yes the game department takes care of the little camp there.

SENATOR SYAS: I said it would be up to the designation of the game department, and I wouldn't know how they, I wouldn't know if they would require it or not, under the amendment the committee amendment it was suggested where they would have the flexibility of designating Senator Kime, because there was certain areas that come to our attention that wouldn't be worth while or to require the fee because they, it would be unenforceable in a particular area, say too many entrances or something like that, some would have to be let go, I would say on Ballard Marsh it would be simply what the game commission did, designated, it would be entirely up to them.

SENATOR KIME: It's just up to the game commission then.

SENATOR SYAS: That's right.

SENATOR KIME: Thank you.