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SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: That's my understanding, sir, and I may be wrong but that is my understanding. Probably, the Chairman of the Committee could answer this better but I think I'm right.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, the question stated by Senator Carstens, I believe refers to, strictly to camping but once they get into the park, of course, if there they may want to go horseback riding or if there are swimming facilities or something of that nature, then that... there could be an additional charge for that. But the parking.. the park entry fee is taken care of you see in one...in the first time that the special privileges which might be enjoyed by a family in the park, often times those are operated by concessionaires or something of that nature and those fees would be in addition. There has been some question and some concern about this but we didn't see how else we could handle it.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Senator Schmit, there seems to be some confusion along here and I am a little bit that way, too. Now the admission fees to the park by campers and overnight, however they stay, that privilege is included in the admission fee. Right.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Now they go to a special area in the camps, in the park. Now they want facilities, restrooms and picnic tables and so on. Now how is that paid?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The picnic table area and that sort of thing is covered in the admission fee, it is my understanding. The only other additional fee would be, as I mentioned, for those areas where there might be swimming facilities provided. If they wish to swim, there would be an additional fee. There may be golf areas or something of that nature. That would be an additional fee. As I mentioned, horseback riding and I am not familiar with all of the various services that might be provided but those would be additional fees.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Well, there seems...I know there are a number of people, campers and people like that, who...there must be some misunderstanding here, who believe that under this bill if it is passed, they will now have to pay an admission fee and then in addition to that, pay for overnight camping.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, I believe you won't. Once you have the... OK, Senator.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore. He had the next...

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Carstens a question if he would..

SPEAKER: Senator Carsten, will you yield, please to a question?

SENATOR NORE: Now, for instance, in one of these special use camps, we decide that we are going to have a family reunion and we invite all of our relatives from far and near, and other states and they gather here. Will they all have to have a permit?

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: I can't answer that. I am going to ask Senator Schmit to answer that for you.

SENATOR NORE: OK. Senator Schmit.