

go to Game and Parks, 50% to cities, and 25% to the Tourism Commission. I offered an amendment to the Revenue Committee, but, of course, the bill got killed and so if the bill were to come out, it wouldn't have that amendment on it. But the amendment I offered, and this is the shape I would like to see the bill in, would be that 3/4 of the money would go to the Game and Parks for Park Development, not buying new land, but developing the land we now have in parks and in historical parks. It would also free up, of this 750,000, it would free up 250,000 for the subdivisions of government. In other words, we would have 250,000 dollars more a year to spend in our local communities for parks and swimming pools. It would allow, then, another 500,000 to go to developing our state parks, which I think are in a dismal shape with the 200th anniversary of this country coming on. We have nothing to be very proud of when we look at our own state parks, in my estimation, and the other 250,000 would go into the Tourism department to help promote tourism in the state of Nebraska. I would urge you with the cutbacks in federal funds and the need for monies to give me a vote to put this bill on General File and take advantage of this, as many other states are now doing. I got letters from other states including Hawaii. They are interested in the very same proposition and I would suspect in Hawaii it would probably bring in 50 million a year, but more and more states are adopting this and I think Nebraska is missing a golden opportunity by not taking advantage of this. I think it will go to offer constructive real improvements for this state that our children and our children's children can use for their own benefits, so I would urge you to give me a vote to put this on General File and so we can improve the parks and recreation, not only of our cities, but of the state parks of Nebraska.

SPEAKER: Other discussion. No discussion of the motion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, will Senator Stahmer yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer, do you yield?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KELLY: If we bring this up out of Committee, could we bracket it and have a Study Committee to go see how Hawaii is doing that?

SENATOR STAHMER: Oh, I am so glad you asked because I served on the Penal Code Revision Committee that put in the work to draft the bill but I wasn't invited to Hawaii, but I am just kidding about this. I didn't put in all that much work to be honest with you. I don't care who goes to Hawaii if it is for a good purpose, but I think Hawaii is smart. They are going to get some of those tourist dollars and I think if Nebraska is smart, we will do the same thing.

SPEAKER: No one from the Revenue Committee wants to defend their action? We will go to Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you, Mr. President. Now, Senator Stahmer, will you yield to a couple of quick questions, Please?

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer yields.

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Stahmer, is this basically the same bill we had two years ago?

SENATOR STAHMER: No, it isn't. The other bill had, I think, 1% and that 1% went to tourism and I didn't support that bill because I thought too much of the money would be going out of the state to buy advertisements in New York Times, et cetera. This bill puts most of the money into physical improvements