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you mean you want the Game Commission to be able to conduct their operations in cleaning and maintaining the State parks at 100% of the desirable level of need, is that right?

SENATOR CLARK: That's right.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And do you think that's a worthy, worthy way to spend the money, is that right?

SENATOR CLARK: It's probably as worthy as anything else, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It's as worthy as anything else? Okay, that's all I wanted to know. I have one more question. Do you think it's reasonable that we provide clean up and maintenance for the State park system at 100% of need level and I am asking, in this bill that we take care of the children at 80% of minimum need. Now do you think that therefore you can support LB 235?

SENATOR CLARK: No I can't. The reason I can't support it though, Senator Schmit, is not for that reason. We have a tremendous amount of people from South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, moving into Nebraska, out in our area because of the 17 categories that we put forth in Medic Aid where they only have 5. I'm sure that we're going to have a tremendous amount more of them moving in from out there if we pay 80% of what we call need. That's my only reason. I don't know where the money would come from, that particular amount of money.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, I'd like to ask one more question. I introduced LB 255, the bill that provided for a fee user system for those people who use State parks. It would have raised approximately the amount of money which you placed in the general--tapped the general fund for. Did you support that bill?

SENATOR CLARK: No I did not.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You did not. Would you want to tell me why you did not?

SENATOR CLARK: I didn't like the bill in the form it was in.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well. Thank you Senator Clark. I think--

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, can you close in one minute?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I can try, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Please do.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would say that--I have just called upon Senator Clark to ask him a few questions to point out that in each case, in each case, whether it is a quarter of a million dollars to the Game Commission, whether it is an amendment to the budget bill to provide a little additional money to improve the salaries of the Highway Patrol which I would support, whether it is Senator Whitney's amendment the other day or his proposal to raise a little money to provide some training for those handicapped people in western Nebraska; each of us has a reason and a sincere one and an honest one and each of us have our own reasons, but I would suggest that at this time we would have to look to our consciences and recognize that if we do not provide the funds necessary for these children, then that is the only--the only, where the only place we need to answer is to our own conscience. There is going to be criticism, we're going to have to take the criticism but I believe in all conscience that if I can vote for LB 235, there isn't a person in this body who can't. The