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PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, Senator Kelly. Still speaking on the Stahmer amendment here. LB 104. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, fellow members. Briefly I'd like to say that it seems to me if we start to give the privilege, and these might be hunters and they might be people who want to have a picnic, but if we're going to give those certain persons the privilege of coming on that land, then in equal, I think let's say that we have some little old ladies that like to have a picnic and play cards. We should be able to subsidize them to a degree if we're talking about people we're supporting that.. I think we should all be as much equal on this as possible. And there's lots of people that would not use these lands and would not see the value in it. But I feel that we as Senator Syas has just spoken we are infringing on possession of that land and we should be thinking about what will it do for the state of Nebraska and what will it do for everybody involved and I don't think we should give the privileges over to somebody who might take advantage of it. And because we all will supporting part of that taxes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I thank Senator Stahmer for this amendment because it will give us at this time a chance to see how the vote will be when the constitution amendment has been adopted by the people and the Legislature at that time is ready to write the rules and regulations in Statutes of how this will work. We'll soon see that this Legislature has no intention of taking private land and turning it over to public use. And we'll see that by the number of red buttons on the board in just a little bit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens your light is still on. Did you want to be heard again? Any further discussion now of the Stahmer amendment? Senator Stahmer do you wish to close on your amendment? Senator Stahmer is now closing on his amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body. The intent of the amendment is not to force public use of private land because we are giving a benefit here of the.. If the amendment is not drafted properly it could reamended on Select File. The intent of the amendment is that if people want this tax break. If the taxpayers of the state are pick and make a credit for giving someone a tax break. Only then would it be available for public use. It is not condemnation of land. No one would have to take advantage of this tax break. We could treat the land as it is now being treated. But I would further like to suggest that if this bill is passed. Which I presume it probably will be. I can see a great interest in tree farming in the state of Nebraska with no taxes to pay on this land I think it would be very lucrative to buy all scrubby land and start planting little trees on it and you can just say I like parks. But thirty years later oak parks are going to be mighty valuable to somebody.

PRESIDENT: Now you've heard the amendment with the support and the agruments, so all those in favor of the Stahmer amentment vote aye, all those opposed vote no. You are voting on the Stahmer amendment 2 to LB 104. Again the chair would ask if you have all voted? The clerk will record.