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SENATOR RUPP: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this bill does deal with concurrent jurisdiction in federal monument areas in Nebraska which there are three. I will describe the bill in some detail. The committee amendment is very simple. It strikes a redundant word or two. On page 2, line 20, it deals with both criminal and civil jurisdiction and they have no interest in civil jurisdiction, just criminal. So it strikes the civil jurisdiction from line 20. I urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any discussion on the committee amendments? If not, all those in favor of adopting the committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Rupp, about the bill.

SENATOR RUPP: Once again, this is a committee bill, Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. The bill was requested last year and introduced last year. It was requested by the National Park Service, introduced and it was held over for an interim study by the committee. Basically, as you can see from the one-line description, it would allow concurrent jurisdiction on federal lands. Concurrent, by definition, means "same" or "side by side" or "equal to", "at the same time", etcetera. We don't have any national parks in Nebraska, of course, as you know, but we do have three national monuments. One of these is Scottsbluff in Senator Nichol's District, one of them is Agate Fossil Beds in Senator Scofield's District and one of them is Homestead National Monument in Senator Morehead's District. Congress urged, through legislation in 1976, that the park service seek this concurrent jurisdiction along with the states on federal lands, just on these federal lands that they now supervise in Nebraska. Twenty-seven states have now adopted this concurrent jurisdiction form. It takes away no state power. State power is still there as is in place on these federal lands but it expands criminal enforcement powers to these commission park rangers. How many park rangers are there that we are talking about? Two