

residence and the assistant superintendent's residence and the electrical system and the water system. The types of project outlined are subject to change and several are only considerations at this time and they are subject to further review. The cost estimates involving the possible expenditures for the new park are at such time as funds are generated and become available. I urge the adoption of the resolution and will get on with our work in making a new state park between Omaha and Lincoln that is badly needed. I have many people, that call me, very disappointed because they called in January and the early part of the year trying to get reservations at the Platte River State Park but, of course, it is filled up and with the population we have in the eastern part of Nebraska I think it is very important that we have another facility where families can go and rent cabins and enjoy all the other facilities that are intended for this park. I urge the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem. (Gavel.)

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, I wasn't going to bother to speak on this resolution until I realized that I am probably one of the very few members of the body that did not sign on to this resolution and just for the record I wanted to make you understand why I didn't do that at the time and why I think this is an outstanding resolution now and needs to be endorsed. During the time when Senator Labeledz was gathering signatures for this resolution, back in Sarpy County District which I represent, there were a number of questions that were raised about this park, not about the merits of this project itself but about the fact that another project which we wanted to see developed back in Sarpy County was not being developed with state funds. And there are a number of questions that were raised about the interrelationship between those two. Since that time I have done a lot of investigation into the proposed Gene Mahoney State Park. I am convinced that there is absolutely no relationship between this project's development and the lack of development of the other project. I hope we can address at some future date that other project in my district just for the people back in my district I guess more than anyone else. I want them to realize that this is a good state project. It is one that will benefit all of the citizens of the State of Nebraska and probably residents of Sarpy County more than many other residents of the state and it is a project which we should