

ask them what they think about the park system around Omaha and out in the western part of the state, you never even heard of those places ten years ago. Now we have got a system that will outdo any other state in this nation and we believe they should be cut more than any other agency outside of Economic Development and I think it is wrong, it is unwise and we are doing a disservice to the people of this state by taking the only thing that they are really proud of that we have done in this Legislature appropriating money to make the Games and Parks system what it is today. Thank you very much.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I also appreciate what the Appropriations Committee has had to do in cutting budgets and I believe that every agency should have to take a cut. I don't think that Games and Parks should have to suffer more than a 3 percent cut. I think they should have to face that cut as well as everyone else. But in Senator Scofield's opening she mentioned that the Games and Parks Commission is heavily cash funded to the tune of 70 percent. I think that is important to remember. And then if we go through and take your blue sheet and on page 5 where Games and Parks is listed, Agency 33, if you look at the proposed specific cuts that the Appropriations Committee has recommended to an agency that is already 70 percent cash funded, there's \$46,338 to eliminate the General Fund support of the park service operation, the food service. That food service generates their cash income. It allows them to be 70 percent cash funded, but it is recommended as a cut. You move down and we want to eliminate 58,000 roughly support, General Fund support from Nebraskaland magazine. That magazine serves as support for their cash fund in an indirect way. It offers articles about parks, about opportunities for hunting and fishing in the State of Nebraska through publications, colored pictures and things that bring people to the State of Nebraska. It allows them to spend money, supplements the cash fund for this program. The third proposed cut, 37,000 to eliminate the General Fund support for the visitor's service and resale items at park areas. This third cut is going to cut directly and specifically into those cash funds that the park...Game and Parks Commission are able to operate 70 percent of their budget on. We are saying, okay, we know that you have to be cut 3 percent, we want to tack another 2.65 percent on top