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ACTUALITY

The Senate has today passed S.1381, the bill I sponsored to limit user fees charged at Federal recreation areas -- such as at the Corps of Engineers lakes in Kansas.

This action is a major step toward the elimination of certain day-use fees which, I believe, Congress never intended to be charged. These fees would create a major inconvenience for thousands of lake visitors and would cause an administrative nightmare for the Corps of Engineers.

Millions of visitors come to Kansas' Federal lakes every year to fish, boat, hike and picnic. I do not believe they should be forced to pay a user fee for ordinary facilities and activities. Special charges for special services or equipment are another matter.

So I believe today's approval by the Senate marks significant progress, and I am hopeful the bill will become law at the earliest possible date.