

preserved for future use by the railroads, I could probably even support that. But I would venture a strong guess that if we ever were to put railroads back into this country and return to the public transportation system we had a 100 years ago, we wouldn't use this corridor. They would use their eminent domain and go somewhere else, completely, completely contrary to what is being done. It is much the same problems we have now when we try to follow section lines for roads. And, perhaps, that would be the case if the railroads were to do it but they certainly wouldn't cut across good farmland cutting one piece of a farm from another, which is the way this rail does at this point. So I don't think that that is a valid consideration at this point even though I wouldn't argue that it might be nice to preserve a corridor for the future, this won't happen in this case. So just because this land is in this spot doesn't mean it is a prime opportunity for this to be a trail. There are plenty of other areas available. I submit that, for this \$275,000, you could buy a lot more appropriate place, probably a lot more acres, and have a similar type of trail that would be much more scenic, much more useful, much more appropriate. And I haven't spoke much about the potential vandalism. I have read the materials, Senator Beutler, and I have collected a lot on this, too. It doesn't seem to be a big issue in many areas. Some areas it is. Some say there is about 2 percent that oppose it. Well, that is about the 2 percent that farmers are of the world or of the United States. I guess that is probably appropriate. But you think about the potential of bringing in unwanted people in your back alleys, and I have tried to find out whether it is a common factor today in developments whether you have alleys in towns, in suburban planning. I don't know...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...for sure whether there is or isn't. It appears to me that a lot of new additions don't have alleys. I might be wrong, but the point is we are putting an alley here in agricultural land and having people running through this day and night. Even if they are well-behaved, I accept that they may be, but would you like people running down your alleys day and night, bicycles, or whatever? And, in essence, that is what is happening as well as dividing a farm. So I just feel, in closing, that it is unfair for the state to be subsidizing this particular issue in this particular spot, and I have no qualms about urging you to indefinitely postpone this bill, and look for other ways to do this without having the state involved as a