

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the Lamb amendment. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I guess I am almost on the amendment. I am trying to think about maybe I'll speak to the bill more than the amendment, I guess. I probably, at some point in time, will vote for the Lamb amendment to strike the funding for this bill. Actually, at some time...I know I will. I don't think new General Funds is the way to address this problem but I think what this body has to do today, whether it be with or without the Lamb amendment, I guess, we have to make a statement of whether or not this State of Nebraska is going to move forward on this whole area. That is one of those things, that you go back in history, the whole issue of trails has been just...ranks up there with fluoride in water, and ranks up there with if you pass 1059, the state will fall apart, and things like that. I just never believe that is the case. You look around, you've already heard about other states, the trail system. In Nebraska, we sincerely lack that. Obviously, giving my size, I am far from an avid biker or hiker, either one, to tell you the truth. But I guess, as I look around the country, things like this are the type of things that people look at when you talk about economic development, when you talk about the quality of life, when you talk about whether or not a state is in the nineties in some way. And though I would have to grope hard to ever appropriate new General Funds to do this, I think that if this body wants to make a statement to the state that, yes, we are committed, we ought to do some trail development out there, yes, we are going to try and work with the landowners out there about why this is not like having Charles Manson and Charles Starkweather on these trails ready to attack you, that I think we can work with...you know, there is a variety of things. Game and Parks right now, I mean, they built the Mahoney State Park for \$20 million and didn't use a dime of the General Funds to do it. I mean, if you want to do something, we can do it. And I think the statement we have to make today is that, yes, we are going to move forward with this, and, no, this is not so evil to have these trails, and I certainly am one that thinks we need to stand up, swallow the bitter pill, at least as far as the heat some of us may take on it, and move forward with this bill, and as far as the Lamb amendment, if you...actually the Lamb amendment, by itself, would do nothing. Because you strike the Lamb amendment, then you have to...that doesn't mean anything, because then you'd have to keep the A bill from moving