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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen, would you yield, please?

SENATOR COORDSEN: For you, Senator Moore, any time.

SENATOR MOORE: The wise gentleman from Gilead, if you would answer me this question. You say your amendment kind of says trails are good and leaves the money in.

SENATOR COORDSEN: No, I think we have already taken the money out of the bill. We haven't addressed the A bill yet. Basically, it says trails are good and that it's a public interest to develop recreational trails through fostering public and private cooperation.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, then what are you taking out? I am a little dense.

SENATOR COORDSEN: What am I taking out?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The language that relates to only abandoned railroad rights-of-way. It doesn't really change the bill at all.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. I guess I will...I am nervous that Senator Coordsen is up to something, being the sly old devil that he is, but I don't know what it is, and so since I can't figure it out, I will sit down and shut up for now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will go to Senator Wesely. Is Senator Wesely in here? I don't see him. Senator Wehrbein, on the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I think I support Senator Coordsen's amendment. I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question on this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Would you say, if the Coordsen amendment was adopted, can we use eminent domain to carry out the intent of your bill, if it was to pass, with or without the Coordsen amendment? In other words, if we took away the railroad right-of-way, and somebody decided we wanted to have a bicycle