

trail, or trail, recreational trail, between here and Omaha, can eminent domain be used now to do that? Under present law?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator, let me try to answer your question in two parts, and I guess I need the answer to a question first, and that is to...I guess we both need help from Senator Coordsen as to what is being done here. Because as I read the amendment, he is striking lines 3, 4, and 5 up through the word "develop", so if you do that, you have a sentence that is incomplete, and I am not sure what it means. You are in the middle of a sentence there and it just starts out "a statewide system of recreational trails by which citizens of Nebraska may enjoy...", but the sentence is cut off in the middle and I don't know what it means, Senator.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Was that a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if Senator Wehrbein is yielding time to me to ask you a question, I'd be glad to do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Well, do you want me to help with this? Senator Coordsen, will you respond please?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Number one, there is no sly or ulterior motive to this. The Legislature finds that a statewide system of recreational trails by which citizens of Nebraska may enjoy the greenways or linear parks that will result and that such trails may act to preserve wildlife habitat and create..., we have a...ought to check here and see whether we have a subject and a predicate and an object. It seems to me that on quick glance it would be a complete sentence.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, if it would seem appropriate to suggest how to clear this up, I would suggest that the amendment be amended so that it begins by striking the word, the second "the" on line 3, as opposed to the first "the", then we are all clear.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Excuse me, the amendment was poorly drafted. It should have been the second "the".

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, okay, that makes perfect sense. Senator Wehrbein, to answer your question then, off the top of my head I don't see what difference this amendment would make with regard to the right of eminent domain, although I am not sure I know