

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it's not increasing and it won't be increasing with 714, in fact, it will be still decreasing, even with the General Fund appropriation in 714, even if we left the first 100,000 in '91-92. Having said that, let me just remind you once more that the effort that Nebraska is making in this area is piddling compared to the effort being made by Iowa, by Kansas, by Missouri, by a whole number of states in this country. Iowa's recreational trails plan, their plan, their planning process alone they're spending a million dollars on. And they're taking a million dollars a year out of their Highway Use Funds, million dollars a year out of their Highway Use Funds to promote trails as a tourism, and as a recreational activity. Obviously a lot of people...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in a lot of states see a lot of fiscal return in this kind of activity, as well as the promotion of a wholesome kind of family activity. So...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to kill this bill would be a very backward looking step on our part, I think. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to support the motion to indefinitely postpone. Nebraska's not been very remiss over the years in providing recreational grounds and activities to the citizens of the State of Nebraska as well as those that visit in this state. We have acquired, just this last year, some 1,700 acres, Game and Parks has added to our 200 and...to come up with a total of some 254,000 acres of recreational lands that are available to the people of the State of Nebraska. I would rather suspect that the 1,700 and some acres that were purchased just recently amounted to several hundreds of thousand of dollars of public funds already invested, in rather restricted economic times, on behalf of recreation, of tourism, and all of the other good things that can be said about this bill. I think that the additional \$100,000 certainly is not necessary at this time,