

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what this amendment does it strikes, on page 2 of 714A, line 1 through parenthesis two in line 2, which in effect takes out the 100,000 of appropriation of General Fund for '91-92. It would leave intact the appropriation of the Trail Development Fund for that year, but the source of those funds would have to be from gifts, or bequests, other contributions or Cash Fund, and would have no General Fund impact for the initial year. As I indicated, it does leave intact 100,000 for the second half of the biennium of General Fund appropriation, and the reason I did that was that then it could be subject to review by the Appropriation Committee and the Legislature next year, assuming the bill is enacted, to review the financial situation and the appropriateness of a General Fund appropriation at that time. But at least for the immediate year it would remove the portion of General Fund money being used in competition with others who also have an interest in acquiring this property. And it would...result would be then that those who are seeking the property have an option still to proceed. But those who also would like to purchase it are not put at the disadvantage of significant tax funds being utilized, General Fund money being utilized for the purchase.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Moore, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, rise to support Senator Warner's amendment as it would...basically, one of the big concerns is that why should the state be competing with the private landowners adjoining the particular trail that Senator Beutler has talked about. By adopting Senator Warner's amendment, we will now be in competition for purchasing the property, if indeed the trails folks can generate the money to buy it, by this summer they can do that. And with Senator Warner's amendment, I guess the thing you are saying is if they buy it, we will indeed possibly help redevelop that trail. And I would, for one, be supportive of that, but also...I would also be supportive, I know Senator Beutler has looked into some other funding sources to actually generate a revenue stream to create this \$100,000. And I don't know if Senator Beutler has talked about those, how publicly he's talked about those but, obviously, the possibility of a tax on bicycle purchases is