

this same trail, is the intent. And I'm a little bit hard pressed to understand how this will all work. I understand the use of the Habitat Funds is really mostly stating that we can use those funds, make clear that it can be. And I guess I'm a little reluctant to do this, but at least I understand what you're doing. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I, too, rise to support Senator Beutler's amendment. I realize that this amendment is strictly permissive language that would allow Game and Parks, when there is a habitat function in this trail, to apply some Habitat Funds to that. That doesn't mean the hunters are going to be standing on the pavement, shooting at the pheasants, and the buckshot falling down on the bikers. We're talking about you may hunt a ways away from the trail but, obviously, if the habitat is there, not for the hunting but to create just that, a habitat for more wildlife, that possibly the hunters, a few miles down the road, may eventually hunt. And so I would support that. But the one thing that Senator Beutler does not do, that this amendment that I think is something that we should consider, is that going one step further. And I know Senator Beutler doesn't do this, I know the Game and Parks would oppose this, but actually developing state rec areas for bicycle trails. I think that is a legitimate function, that's just as legitimate as having a lake for boaters, a camp ground for campers, wildlife refuge for hunters to come in, these are all recreational type activities. It just happens to be that most people...a lot of people that don't bike have a little trouble with the concept of developing a bike trail. But it's no different than developing a lake for a boater. Obviously, a lake has other sorts of benefits, like for fish and for flood control and stuff like that, but all recreational type activities. And I would hope maybe some time in the future, if this bill doesn't do it, this Legislature may make a policy decision, with Game and Parks, at some point in time, on the question of whether or not we're going to develop state rec areas, use park and NORDA Funds to develop these type of things in the future, and some other fund source as we deem necessary. Because I really think a state rec area is as applicable to a bike trail as it is to a lake, as it is to a camp ground, as it is to a wildlife refuge to develop hunting. But, obviously, I agree that there are different fund sources for those things that generate funds that shouldn't be confused with the bike trail, but as far as General Funds going