

to any or all of those things, they're all equal, in my opinion. But I would support Senator Beutler's amendment which would allow Habitat Funds to be used for the habitat function, if the bike trail is, indeed, constructed.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Yes. Would Senator Beutler yield to a couple questions, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR NELSON: Maybe...I don't know, if there's anyone else on the floor then that can tell me. Maybe Senator Wehrbein can, he lives there. Senator Wehrbein, is this proposed trail now...are the rails and the ties, and is that trail cleaned up, or is that as the railroad abandoned it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: To my knowledge, it's pretty well cleaned up.

SENATOR NELSON: In other words, the rails have been sold off for salvage, and the ties and so on. In other words, what we're talking about now is only bare land, with probably musk thistles and what else is on it, right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right. It's overgrown trees and that type of thing, yes.

SENATOR NELSON: Okay, thank you. That does make a lot of difference, because I am somewhat knowledgeable on the salvage value. We had a track between Grand Island and Hastings, on this same purpose, for dinner train or so on. That was one of my questions. My next question then is what constitutes development then? I suppose once it's bare land, anything else that is put on then is development, as far...is that the way you understand it, too? In other words, if it was blacktopped, or whatever, if the land is clean, that makes lots of difference.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, would you res...

SENATOR NELSON: Oh, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator Nelson, I think that's essentially correct, whatever is put in place would be development. I suppose clearing it, to a certain extent, is