

will be citizen opposition no matter what you're trying to site anywhere, folks, and we all know that. Like I believe Senator Crosby or somebody mentioned the other day, whether it's taking out trees or putting up a stoplight, whatever it is, no matter how minor, if it's a recreational trail, whatever it is, there will be opposition and this has proven in our experience, and we've had quite a bit of experience in this state. This has proven to be the most effective way to approach it, with honesty and openness and allowing the citizens complete access to the process, allowing them to come in and ask the tough questions and they might not all be happy and they might not all be completely satisfied towards the end of the process, but they won't be able to say that they've been ignored and they won't be able to say that they haven't been included in the process. I think this is a very important bill for the future. It is something that has proven to work and will work and I'd urge you all to support it and, as Senator Beutler said, look at it closely. If you have any recommendations, bring them to him and we'll see if we can make it even better. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Dierks.

**SENATOR DIERKS:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am pleased too with this piece of legislation. I think that it speaks well of the introducers and the committee that they've put this out and made it available for the citizens of our state. It strikes home to me, especially because I'm dealing with this same general type of issue. I think what we've asked for in some of our legislation is some of the same things that have been asked for here, citizen input for instance, the right of appeal. One of the things it has to be is an open situation and evidently that has happened. You've had openness in your discussions and the discussions have gone well because of that. Where we've seen a stifling of citizen input, we've had many, many difficulties. So I just have to be very amenable to this type of legislation. I think it does well for Nebraska and Nebraskans and I'm glad that Senator Beutler has brought it. I'm happy that the committee has put it out and I urge your support of this bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Dierks. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, did you wish to close?

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Mr. Speaker, no, no closing. Senator