

will add the words, along...whenever trails are developed along abandoned railroad right-of-ways, which was how I had originally drafted this particular amendment and then some felt that that was unnecessary language. And when I drafted the language that says this fencing requirement could be waived by all the adjoining property owners, my intent was that it would be between the owner or owners of the trail and each individual adjoining property owner. The reason for the railroad standards are multiple. One is that just to use, for an example, the 25 miles of MoPac line, it costs about 5,600 dollars to build a mile of legal fence. That's an approximate cost at today's prices. And under our standard fence law, if you had or the railroad right-of-way bisected your quarter-section of land, the adjoining landowner would be responsible for building a half-mile of fence or a cost to each of those owners of a quarter-section of 2,800 dollars for half of the fence on each side, a mile of fence to every quarter-section of land. Another reason for offering this using the railroad law is that the railroad law provides for two things that do not exist in our boundary fence law. One of those is gates and the other one is a provision for access between parcels of property that are divided between...divided by the railroad right-of-way in that when it goes through the middle of, say for an example, 160 acres, a quarter-section of land, that a means for that farmer to cross from one portion of his farm to the other is provided for in the railroad section and it's not part of the boundary fence. To answer a question that Senator Beutler asked relative to boundaries along county roads, I had a momentary lapse of memory but the fact of the matter is along county roads each adjoining property owner owns the land to the middle of the road and the fence, in fact, is built upon his property. You just don't pay taxes on that part of the road that is...that a county road is developed upon. So, from that particular perspective, the boundary fence law doesn't apply to that because it is on private property completely, Senator Beutler. So, with that, I think we should move to the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Coordsen amendment. (See FA187 as found on page 2689 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.