

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2524. (See page 2614 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, members of the Legislature, Senator Hudkins was kind enough to allow me to attach, hopefully, with your approval, one small amendment to LB 209. This amendment allows for state agencies and political subdivisions to establish and collect a user fee for those that are involved with recreational trails. It is one item of the Natural Resources priority bill, the most noncontroversial of the items I believe, and I wanted to get this into effect this year so that something that all of you have wanted to see happen could start happening and that is that the people who use the trails start paying for the trails. It's always been kind of a chicken and the egg thing and we...we, a few years ago, we had no trails for anybody to use so there wasn't much point to a user fee, but now that we are building some trails it's only fair that those who use the trails should start paying for them and this particular amendment would allow that to happen and it has been passed out to you. You should have it in front of you. Thank you and thank you, Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Any further discussion on the Beutler amendment 2524? Seeing none, Senator Beutler to close. Waives closing. The question is, shall the amendment be agreed to? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The amendment is adopted. Any other amendments at the desk?

CLERK: Senator Preister has the next amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Preister.

CLERK: Senator, this is your amendment that amended the E & R amendment on page 27, line 27, strike "shall" and insert "may".