

simply not to dictate to them to use user fees. There may be some situations, as there are in other places in the country, where trails are actually funded out of right of way and easement revenues and there's no need for user fees, for example, or, you know, it's all up to us how we...how we fund it. Right now, Senator, there are...there are no developed trails that are generating user fees, although the Lower Platte South Re...Lower Platte South Natural Resource District wants, as I understand it, wants to put a user fee on the MoPac Trail here in Lincoln and the trail users are not against that. They...they understand and are willing to pay user fees.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I...I certainly don't stand in opposition to trails. The only thing that I'm concerned about is this...this type of amendment coming in at this time with this much material and my ability to absorb it is kind of difficult so I'm having a difficult time and I'm not convinced yet that I'm going to support it. But, with that anyway, thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen, followed by Senators Dierks and Coordsen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Beutler, I just have a couple of questions. When you say user fee or voluntary fee, so this may be a mandatory fee. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It definitely...it probably will be.

SENATOR JENSEN: It will be. And do you see that being collected in boxes or...or what...what type of collection...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, the mechanism used successfully in most places in the country is to...is to put out boxes and the trail users...I've never seen myself how this mechanism works but it's apparently a mechanism whereby you can put in money and get your sticker or ticket or whatever it is that evidences your...

SENATOR JENSEN: And what happens if somebody doesn't pay the fee and still uses the trail?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I suppose certainly they're not going to