

37-1509. (Section) 37-1509 is the provision that terminates the Trail Development Assistance Act ten years after September 6, 1991. So what the committee was doing with this particular Section 23 was saying to you that the Trail Development Act, which originally was authorized for ten years, would continue to be a part of the law without a termination date. Okay? So if you adopt this amendment in its current form, you will be authorizing the continuance of the Trail Development Act, the Trail Assistance Act indefinitely like most statutes are rather than with the ten-year limitation. And rather than give you the arguments at this time for that on the senator's time, I should give her back her time.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you. That answers my question and raises another one. If we have a termination date lasting until 2001 why do we want to bother with it now, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, the reason that there was a termination date in the first place was because the Legislature was unsure about the public support for recreational trails out there. And I think that since that time with the adoption of the state recreational trails plan, with the more than...almost more than \$8 million of private money going into the development of trails so far it seems to me that the trails people have proven their case that their form of recreation is a good form and that the...a desired form and that the cities and counties and local subdivisions that wish to apply to this Development Act for funds to assist them in their local trails ought to be allowed to do that.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you. In that case, Madam Speaker or Madam President, I would request a ruling from the Chair on the germaneness of Section 23 and I can give you my reasons now.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, please do so.

SENATOR HUDKINS: This is what we discussed slightly earlier. The bill, as it stands right now, consists of the hunter safety and the acreage for the landowners' limited permits. When we discussed this bill last year, I raised this same germaneness issue and was overruled and I think that may be what prompted the discussion on the rules this morning that the committee does have the authorization to combine various bills into one bill. I...at this point the bill, 584, consists of Sections 1 through