

this does one...one thing and one thing only now, this particular section of the bill. It takes the Trail Development Fund which originally was put into the statute for ten years at \$100,000 a year. Since that time in 1970...1991, when that was put into effect, we've gone back, you've gone back, much to my chagrin, and reduced it from 100,000 a year to 50,000 a year. That's another long debate. In any event, what this amendment would do would say that it would not be limited to a ten-year fund but it would go on as long as the funds are needed, as long as the Legislature chooses to appropriate or not to appropriate just as any other program or almost all the other programs that we have are run. So in any particular year at any particular time if you choose to zero it out as far as funding is concerned you can, but I don't think you're going to do that. I think you're going to find that your constituents, if you're not finding this already, are more and more excited about trails. I sometimes have a hard time understanding the hard...a certain hard-core resistance to the concept because, at least in my district, and I think, you know, in a great many districts including districts with small towns and medium size towns more and more people are taking an interest in family values and family recreation and in trails as a means of family recreation, and they are doing this not just with their mouths. They're doing it with their pocketbooks. Since this Development Fund was instituted, over \$8 million of private funds has been put into trail development so people are saying, yes, to this. They're saying, yes, and I'm saying what's wrong with giving them a little help? We give a lot of other recreational interests much more help. I mean the other Game and Parks programs take over \$8 million annually in General Funds. So that's all this particular amendment would do. I hope you see fit to make this modest contribution to trails development. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body is the adoption of the third section of the committee amendments to LB 584. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: A roll call vote, call the house.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote