

the revisionary process back on our land. It's a sorry situation. And I get this information not only from my district, but from every district that the railroad goes through around me from Madison County all the way out to Chadron, those people are calling me and pleading for some support, for trying to get this land to revert back to them. They think they've been snookered, and I think they've been snookered, and I think that the national rails to trails legislation did that to us. The rail banking law provided that this land did not revert back to the original ownership, as long as there was the provision in there that the railroad could go back through this particular area, that there be a corridor for the railroad. And I'm sorry, Madam President, but I can't even hear myself talk. I wish that...

SENATOR CROSBY: (Gavel.)

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senators, please keep your conversations down.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm sure that what I have to say isn't all that important, but it's important to me and important to the people I represent. And I just have to let you know that this rail banking law that was put into effect in our nation is coming under a great deal of national scrutiny. The major beef producing magazines are coming out with the information that this thing is not as it was designed to be, and it's causing a great deal of difficulty nationwide, and not just in Nebraska, but it caused a great deal of difficulty in Nebraska. If these people, when this land was taken from them to put this railroad through, the condition was that if the railroad was abandoned that the land would go back to them. So in the dark of the night, I say, there was national legislation introduced called the rail banking law. And this allowed this procedure to take place that the land could not go back to those original owners, as long as there was a corridor there for the railroad. Now you know as well as I do they've taken up this railroad along the Cowboy line, 300 and some miles, it isn't all up yet, but it will be, there's not going to be a new railroad put down there, yet this rail banking law is in effect that says we have to maintain that corridor. And what the rail banking law really does is say we're not going to give this land back to the original owners, they can't have it. I'm not sure the Game and