

Parks even wanted this thing, Senator Beutler. I think they've...that was handed to them, they were given it without any money to run it, and now we're coming back here and trying to force the landowners to help pay for it. I don't accept that, and I don't think most of the people who think about this would accept it. I can't support this bill. I am going to be very willing to support Senator Coordsen on his amendment try here. But the bill is another onerous strike against those people along the rail line. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, perhaps I spoke too hastily the first time around. Senator Beutler, this trail is an intrusion to a lot of farmers and ranchers. And I think it probably...the responsibility for the fencing should remain with Game and Parks, if it's going to be used for the benefit of the citizens of the state of Nebraska. The fact of the matter is, if it wasn't for the trails, there would be no need for the fence because the property would go back to the landowner, and I think that's the bottom line for me. So, Senator Coordsen, I appreciate you bringing this to our attention this morning.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, we're now getting rather far afield and into trails generally, and whether they're good, or whether they're bad, and I think maybe that's the whole problem here today, that this body doesn't agree on the value of trails. But in light of what's been said about trails, I think there are few things that need to be said in response. First of all, they're not coming under national attack, except by maybe a few landowner groups. Generally speaking, trails have been a tremendous success in this country. They continue to develop in all states. The system continues to grow. It will be a permanent part of health in America, hiking and biking on trails. It will be a good source of economic development. It is not true that the land would have gone back to the landowners. That may have been true in specific situations, depending on the language of deeds. But by all means...not by any means do most of the deeds clearly say that it will go back to the landowners, in fact more likely it was in the railroad's hands, it was the railroad's property to