

buy and to sell. Not only that, but we have anti-reverter provisions in our statutes that say after 30 years land doesn't revert back as a general matter. That being the case, almost all of this land was before 30 years ago. So it's simply not true that it was their land. By and large it was railroad land, to buy or to sell. Having said that, I want to say again I have no objection to a 50-50 split, if that's what's being asked for. But this amendment goes back to 100 percent Game and Parks, or whoever has the trail, paying the cost of the fence. And I just wanted to remind you that the Rural Development Commission, who is loaded with rural representatives, which has a Rural Advisory Council, has picked out its top ten development ideas for rural areas, and one of those top ten ideas is trail development. Clearly, I think, they recognize, as we all recognize, that this can have great value to rural development. We can't always make the same people benefit as we would like, but whenever a rural area is enhanced, whether it's a restaurant in Valentine, a motel in Valentine, whenever they're kicking in to paying the property taxes, that's good for everybody, that's good for those landowners. There is a benefit for the landowners, it's the benefit of a more stable community, it's jobs for their kids, not all of whom can get jobs in the local rural areas. If it were a matter of being fair, that's one thing. But I don't think this is a fairness matter. I think it's fair if it's 50-50, I think it's fair if we leave it just exactly the way it is, it's just the concept of how you benefit most, whatever you think is the best way. Either way is fine with me. But striking this language is not good for anybody but a narrow group of people. The general good, both rural and urban, is with a provision that allows you to develop trails in an economically feasible manner. Thank you.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: I call the question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed.... Senators, we are on Final Reading, you should be in your seats. And we're voting on whether to cease debate. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Could we have a check-in, please.