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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I'm not sure that we have had a full discussion, and I'm sorry to be arguing with Senator Coordsen on the floor of the Legislature. The provisions that Senator Coordsen cited to you are applicable to trails that are developed pursuant to the Trail Development Assistance Act. And I would call two things to your attention; 37-1504 limits the application of the Trail Development Assistance Act to natural resource districts, political subdivisions, other public agencies, or private nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the purchase, development, or maintenance of a recreational trail within the state or any combination thereof. They can apply to the Game and Parks Commission for funding to assist in the purchase, development, and maintenance of recreational trail. If they do, the provisions of 37-1507 apply. That is not the Game and Parks Commission, those are other folks, in my opinion. The other difficulty with relying upon the Trail Development Assistance Act to achieve the result is that the Trail Development Assistance Act terminates ten years after September 6, 1991. I am not sure what effect that would have, but the act includes Sections 37-1501 to 37-1509, therefore 37-1507, without further legislative action, will terminate September 6 of the year 2001. I don't think we should rely upon those sections to make the policy choice that Senator Coordsen is suggesting. I'm not going to argue against his amendment, it can be adopted, maybe it doesn't do any harm. But if you want to make the express policy choice that Senator Coordsen is advocating, you need additional language added in the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Dierks. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Only, Madam President, to indicate that Senator Wickersham has made a good point. However, it's something that can be addressed certainly later in the issue of this bill, or certainly in another legislative session. He's indicated, and I think he's correct, that we have about five years to make the modifications. He seems to feel that there is some problem with taking this language out and not replacing it with anything. Senator Wickersham and I probably share the ability to construct a good fence, but he is much more