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SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Vrtiska, if there's a fence there at the present time, Game and Parks is responsible for the maintenance.

SENATOR VRTISKA: No, I'm saying if there's no fence there now, if somebody decides to utilize this for another purpose than it was. For example, I'm thinking about some CRP ground that didn't need any fence. All of a sudden there's a decision that there needs to be a fence in order to maintain livestock or whatever, then whose responsibility? And, if there's no money available, how do you get the fence built? I'm just curious.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Vrtiska, there is some money available and there has been some fence built, not a lot, and there will be more fence built probably, if we can pass LB 701 with the committee amendments and with this amendment. I don't know how much CRP ground there is along there, but I would suggest to you that probably most of the land along side the Cowboy Trail is either presently farmed, and then certainly some of that doesn't have a fence because, if you're tilling the ground, it's a common practice not to have a fence around it, and...but I would also guess the vast majority of it is pastureland or hay ground which already has a fence. And if it's a division fence, Game and Parks is responsible for the maintenance of that at the present time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But we're not just talking about the Cowboy Trail. We're talking about other trails.

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, we're talking only Cowboy Trail. This bill...

SENATOR VRTISKA: This has nothing to do with other trails?

SENATOR SCHROCK: This bill affects only a state recreational trail, and there's only one in the state and that's the Cowboy Trail, so...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator