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100 percent of the construction of the fence, but as part of that compromise the maintenance of the fence would be by the landowner, except in cases where a single landowner's property is divided. But, in other words, this law, with the Coordsen amendment, would revert right back to where...where current law is, for all intents and purposes. And, if this body wishes to follow the lead of the Natural Resources Committee and the people who put together this compromise, which involved people from a number of different interests, I would hope that you would retain the committee amendment and advance the bill...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On the Coordsen amendment, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I call this shenanigans. The people in the lobby working this bill are Farm Bureau and the Cattlemen's Association. I think you should keep in mind they don't like the trail and if they can cause trouble they will, and this is their way to do that. They want the landowner to request a railroad type fence up there when, when you would talk to a landowner, I'll bet there hasn't been a mile of railroad type fence built in Cherry County in the last ten years. It's not practical, it's not even what the ranchers want. We got Game and Parks together with ranchers, we got them together with the communities up there, and we want some fence built and the committee amendments, as we have drafted them and put before you, is the way to get this done. Now, if you don't want...if you don't like the trail, and I don't say I do or don't like the trail, probably if I was a rancher up there and I had this dividing my property I probably wouldn't like it, this is the way you cause trouble. And if you adopt the Coordsen amendment you just as well IPP LB 701, because you've effectively done (sic, undone) anything the Natural Resources Committee tried to do. So, I would ask you to vote against the Coordsen amendment because it guts the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. On the