

until 1992, so there really wasn't another revenue source for the kind of a program that you sought and had initiated. But I'm just wondering if you're...if the effort with state monies has not literally been eclipsed by federal monies, and whether we are not providing what is actually kind of a second grade program at a lower match rate and a much lower rate of contribution, whether we do necessarily have to have a great concern about that particular funding source. So I don't...I'm...Senator...and I would note another item, of course, and that is that there is an additional \$75,000 in the Game and Parks budget for support of the Cowboy Trail, which Senator Beutler noted is going to be developed. And I'm not at all sure that that is sufficient, and I know that that is not all of the funding that is going into that project as well. It just seems to me, Senator, that there are significant other sources of revenue, and I would commend you for your dedication to your objective and to your original project, but I'm not su...I don't believe I can support your amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Vrtiska, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I also rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's proposal. I'm sure that the trails proposition is well accepted and has done a good job, but when it comes down to what is necessary and what we like, it's kind of like whether you would like to drive a Cadillac but you end up driving a Chevrolet. And to add on these funds now when there are, as indicated by Senator Wickersham, other sources available, and to take more state funds and maybe take it away from some other programs that are certainly well needed I think is not in, certainly in my judgment, in the best interests of the state. And so I'd have to oppose the increase of those dollars. I just think that we need to be careful how we spend these dollars. And even though many of these things are certainly well used and have a value, the question is, how much can we afford? And for that reason I'm going to stand in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Any further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, would you like to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, all I'm asking for is the original state commitment to these