

nearly 28,000 acres for this? If this use is needed, if this...why not use land that is probably more appropriate? Why does an abandoned railroad track, in this particular case, particularly serve that purpose? This is going through prime agricultural land. By my estimation, it is not necessarily scenic in this case. If it was scenic, I might have a different opinion. If it was along a river, or an overgrown area, a more area...an area with more forestry and that type of thing, it might make sense, but this is prime agricultural land. It doesn't make sense to me to set people in the middle of prime agricultural land anymore than it makes sense to me that we put agricultural activities in the middle of an urban area, or a town area. And you may say, well, that is not an issue, we don't mind an occasional farming operation in the middle of Lincoln. But we've got lawsuits on record, in Illinois in this case, where a farmer was prohibited from working his land, admittedly at night, on the edge of a town. So people in the city don't appreciate rural activities in the middle of their city. I don't know that we should necessarily have urban activities, or walking activities, or bicycling activities in the middle of a rural area where most people will concede should be rural activities, whether it's farming activities, or it might be activities connected with farming, such as livestock operations.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Many will say that those are compatible, and that this particular operation won't affect farming operations. We don't know that they will or won't, but chances are, as in my operation where we're in a...starting to be an urbanized area, we have to watch the way we operate our operations, spraying activities and others, simply because it tends to offend those that are not earning their living from the land. And we try to be careful, we try to be cautious, but the reality is that it has an impact. And so I say why do we need a trail then in the middle of agricultural land here for the...simply for the purpose of bicycling or walking? Why not put this in some other area? Actually, you could buy a quarter section cheaper, you could buy a whole quarter section, in many areas, for this \$100,000, and have all the activities that they really want, if 28,000 acres now isn't enough. I simply can't...