

earlier that recreation is very definitely in need. And we're always working to try to attract people into the state, and this is one way to bring people in through tourism. But also our local residents use this as a recreational facility. We'll see people, wherever trails are established, we'll see people driving there, unloading their bikes and going up and down the trails. And I think recreation is a very important part of society, much more important than it was 20 years ago. People expect there to be recreation sites available, close by, so they can go someplace on the weekend. And that's been the thrust of the Game and Parks build up that we've had through the years, in that people take mini vacations in the summer, or in the spring. They go away to a park, spend a night, overnight, take the kids, and that's the idea of having these recreational trails along the way. Maybe there will be a run of 10 miles, or 20 miles, and that will be a nice bike run, or, for that matter, jogging or roller skating maybe part of the trail along the way. So I think overall it's a rather futuristic approach that Senator Beutler has taken with this bill. And it may not be perfect and maybe some of the money needs to be pared down. But to be specific and say, well, we're going to build a trail in this particular locale, I think that that's a bit premature. It doesn't state anything in the legislation as to locale. And people get excited about using rail sites, but the bill doesn't restrict itself to particular rail sites, or particular locations. I think that having the money available for a trail site development is something that we should all work for. So I'm going to be opposing the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise, too, to oppose the motion. I really am sorry to see this, seems like it's turning into an urban versus rural, and I don't like that because I think that it is something that every Nebraskan can enjoy. Senator Abboud mentioned the trails in Omaha. You're right, here in Lincoln, we have a wonderful trail through town, and it started about 20 years ago, and Chris Beutler will probably remember some of this. The Railroad Transportation Safety District started working on, as the railroads abandoned lines, to get rid of the old crossings and that kind of thing, to make traffic through town safer. And the culmination of that, right at the moment, is the West Bypass, that's part of that plan. Along with that, this wonderful trail developed through Antelope Park. You can start right down here by the