

Capitol and keep going on your bicycle, down by Lincoln High School, and past Antelope Park, down Sheridan Boulevard, down through the park there, and clear out to Holmes Lake. You can ride your bicycle, you see people running, walking, families together. It's a tremendous family recreation that has evolved in the last 15 years. People always did things like that, but there's a growing need and feeling among all of us that fitness is very important, and being outdoors, and walking and running and that kind of exercise is very important. And the best part of it is that all you need is a good pair of shoes, you don't need a lot of equipment. So I feel that the trail concept is such a wonderful concept that I don't think we should lose track of it here just because of a feeling about the...and I have had a couple of phone calls from people who own farmland who are apprehensive about their land being divided because of trails, because of where the railroad, the old railroad lines are. And I understand that. It's just that I don't like to see this lost today. I think we should work hard at trying to evolve some kind of plan. And I understand the money, because being on the budget committee, of course, we wrestle with that every day and night, morning, noon, and night, it seems. So I know we have a problem there. But, at the moment, I hope that you'll hang onto this legislation. I'm sure Senator Beutler can figure out some way to refine it, or try to work with everybody so all of us can be happy with it. And I just think it's such a wonderful recreation for families that I just don't like to let it go. So I'll vote against the kill motion, and thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Next speaker is Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I'd rise to oppose the kill motion and support LB 714. We, in the southeast region of the state, are looking for recreational opportunities for ourselves, and there are very few to be offered down there. I think something like this is something that can provide us with good opportunities to go out with the families and get exercise in a very low impact manner on nature and nonpolluting sources. We can hike, we can bike, and we can also look at inviting some of the Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joe people to our district to spend a day trip, because, folks, the way things are anymore, with families and both parents working to make ends meet, it's tough to take a vacation anymore, it's real tough. And day trips, weekend trips are becoming more and more popular all the time. I went to