

remember that on General File we did a lot of compromising on this bill. It had 100,000 in it for next year and it had 100,000 in it for two years from now, and we cut out half the funding in the bill pursuant to considerations of people's concern about the fiscal impact. I think that that is a reasonable compromise, and if you're going to adopt this amendment, there's no point in having the bill because there's no function to be performed. It would just be empty words in our statute books. But a further concern of mine is that what we did do on General File is provide for the use of some habitat funds should they be available and should Game and Parks see fit to use them for that purpose and, as I understand the language here, it would preclude that kind of usage also since the language is direct appropriation and Cash Funds are also appropriated, as you know, as well as General Funds. I think I'm correct in that. Senator Warner, I would ask you to correct me, or Senator Scott (sic), if I'm not correct, but I believe that the language "direct appropriations" would prohibit a use of Cash Funds as well as General Funds. So you can see he's eliminating absolutely all funding for the bill, not just General Funds but all funding for the bill, and I don't know that we need to debate that. It's a matter of whether you believe in the purpose of this bill, that this bill does have some purpose, and I hope you still believe that. It has been compromised and I hope you will hold it at that compromise.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I haven't spoke on this bill and I don't think there's anyone in this chamber that walks more than I do and I walk out on the highway. And we've used the word "perception" a lot; I think it gets down to what you perceive as a recreational activity. Now I see nothing wrong with a walking trail. Now my wife and I toured the new Mahoney Park. Great park. Should we put my tax money into the Mahoney Park? I know a lot of the money was put in by foundations, but there's going to be a lot of General Fund money in there. There's parks all over the State of Nebraska, but if I like to go out and walk on a trail, there are a lot of people that do, now to me I can't see any difference. I guess it depends what you like as an individual and I'm going to vote for the bill. I know there's no money in it this year. I may not vote for the money next year. I'm on the Appropriations Committee. I may vote to take it out if we don't have the money. But I see this as no different than a lot of