

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone...? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I just have one thing and I'm not really harassing the bill, I just happen to feel awfully strong about this issue because I see it part of a bigger issue, but it's interesting to me to read in the Lincoln Star, Thursday, May 30th, and last count that was today, about residents voice opposition to zone change in the MoPac area. That's what we're talking about, the Mo-Pacific Railroad and Vine Street and North 66th and North 70th, there already neighborhood opposition to what someone evidently wants to do in allowing miniwarehousing along the MoPac Railroad right-of-way west of 70th Street. It's kind of interesting to me. You see, this was all right to go into the rural areas and take this land for biking, but now that this land in the city here has...is going to be used for warehousing and block someone's view, even though it is on private property, they are strongly opposed to it. My only point in bringing this up is that when the shoe's on the other foot now we're opposed and, you know, I can see this carrying on to the extent that there would be opposition to building along this trail out in the country sometime. I don't know that anybody has in mind to building buildings, but I can see that this would ruin someone's view. It will have an impact on somebody's handling of their land under agricultural zoning in the future in this particular area, and it may well in other parts of the state some day. That's the point. I'm following this in the City of Lincoln, and the zoning, what they do about this with interest because my guess is that people numbers in this case will win. In the case of my constituents, from Lincoln to Elmwood, they lost because they are a minority...in the minority. There were not enough of them. I have...we talked about what goes on in Iowa; that that was some checking we'd done, that people supported these in Iowa. But if you check the record, and I happened to stumble across it in Glenwood, Iowa, last February newspaper article, those trails aren't working as clear...as smoothly as some would have you believe and that really is scenic area. There are estimated to be as much as 60 percent scenic area along river, right along the river. And...but there are...there is vandalism and there is trespass and there is activities at night that are not permissible to people along the trail. So it isn't working as smoothly as some would have you believe and so this interesting was to me of the Lincoln Star article tonight and I'll be interested to see if a strong local opposition to this probably