

CLERK: LB 739, Mr. President, is on Select File. Enrollment and Review amendments were adopted on May 6. There was an amendment by Senator Beutler to the bill that was adopted; amendment from Senator Wickersham to the bill that was adopted. Senator Bernard-Stevens moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Beutler agreed to lay the bill over. That motion is pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, was that...was that motion just simply to lay the bill over, or was that a fairly indefinite postpone motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, and unless Senator Bernard-Stevens has taken an ugly turn in the last few days, that was a very friendly kill motion, and I don't think he intends to take it up.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will simply withdraw that motion then.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I intend to withdraw the motion, I'm not intending for you to vote on it. I just want an opportunity to speak about the issue one more time before we try to advance it. First of all, I think it's important that we understand how people, where the railroad is going, feel about this, where the railroad has been, where it's located today, and what their feelings are concerning the proposal from rails to trails. There's a number of people who support this, and I respect their feelings. There's a number of people who don't, and I respect their feelings, too. Those people who don't are mostly agriculturalists who feel like that the...Well, first of all, there's a group of people out there that have used the railroad that would like to see the railroad remain intact, utilize it for economic development purposes as a railroad. That being not the case, then they would like to see the land revert back to the local property owners. And that's the only reason I wanted to bring this up was to mention the fact that there are a number of those people who would prefer to see this property revert back to the property owners. And with the advancement of this bill that's very difficult to happen. With that, I'd like to remove my amendment and ask for a machine