

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, Senator Hall, I wouldn't. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Since we're in the middle of a vote, you can't now, but I just wanted to be on record apologizing.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I thought that my response might make it easier.

SENATOR HALL: Have you all voted on Senator Schimek's amendment to LB 235? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The Schimek amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall and members of the Legislature, this one has to do with recreational trails, but before you get up in arms, I think it will be noncontroversial to you. It has to do with what's called the Symms Act and some federal money that's available under the Symms Act, federal General Fund money. And in order to get this money under the federal law, we have to set up an agency that's authorized and empowered to establish recreational trails and related projects under the terms of the act, of the congressional act, and the power to make rules and regulations and the power to actually transfer funds under this federal act. So that's what this bill does. It does that for the purpose of acquiring the federal funds for two federal fiscal years, the one that we're in currently and the next federal fiscal year. The amount of money that will be made available to us simply by passing this bill will be \$100,000 this year before October comes and another amount of money as yet undeterminable until the federal budget has been decided, another amount of money next year. Now this amendment has a termination date on it of January 1, 1994. And the reason that we did this is because after that date, in order to get the federal money, there has to be a match from the state government and the state government has to begin using off-road gas money as a match in order to continue to get the funds after that point in time. It is not at all clear to me and I'm sure not clear to some of you that we want to do that or we want to do it