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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Vidricksen at 7:20 a.m. on February 26, 1997 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Today's meeting was called for the purpose of working bills.

SB 278 RE PRAIRIE SPIRIT TRAIL AS PART OF PARK SYSTEM
SB 293 PRAIRIE SPIRIT TRAIL MORATORIUM
SB 294 DESIGNATION AS PART OF PARK SYSTEM

Hearings held February 24th, and deliberation on February 25th resulted in a request for coordination of materials on these bills. The authors of **SB 278**, **SB 293**, and **SB 294** and proposed amendments thereto met with Wildlife and Parks to work out a compromise. Discussed the proposed compromises in **SB 278** which included removing Allen County from the trail that will be in the State Park System. It was felt this would provide a good trial sample to check on basic law. Changes in **SB 293** included the moratorium on Phase III with date change to "until funds are available---." Didn't want to interfere with obtaining federal funding. Also included membership in, and purpose of, the proposed task force. Members did not feel involvement of legislative staff on the task force was necessary. In response to questions members were advised the Department of Wildlife and Parks, following legislative directives, began the "Trail" process in 1991 with input from many sources.

Senator Salmans moved to amend **SB 293** using the new language. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Tyson moved to recommend **SB 293** as amended favorable for passage. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Harrington moved to amend **SB 278** using the new language. Senator Karr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Harrington moved to recommend **SB 278** as amended favorable for passage. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 5, 1997.

