

March 7, 1991

LB 75, 96, 235, 236, 247, 511

your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. We will now go down the speaking order. First we have Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am supporting, of course, this motion of Senator Lamb's. I think that if we want to talk about something that we should do for the people of our state, this is a very prime example of that particular ability. This legislation is very...of course, I think the people are saying this is Niobrara Valley legislation but this also is legislation that involves people from all across Nebraska. We're talking about protection of rivers throughout the state, not just the Niobrara River. And I think that probably even if this legislation is passed, we're not going to make any changes in the federal legislation that's pending on this same issue. But we need to keep in mind that people in our state have been...have been nurtured on self-control and local control and I think that this is a prime example for us to show that we put our faith in our citizens to provide their own local control and care for their rivers. There is probably a need, you know, for this type of legislation. I think that the need is that many times our county governments have not accepted the responsibility of zoning some of these areas and this would give us an opportunity to get them back on the right program. So if you would, please, I would certainly appreciate your support and I know that the people in my district would support that support, would be glad for that support. We have a large area of the Niobrara River actually that flows between Boyd and Holt County, stretches from probably, I suppose, 50 or 60 miles as the crow flies through there so it does affect a large part of my district too. And so I'm very supportive of this legislation. I certainly hope you will support it too. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Before we proceed, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I do...I propose to sign and do sign LB 75, LB 96, LB 235, LB 236 and LB 247. We will now proceed to Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, as Chairman of the Government Committee, the committee that did kill LB 511, I feel obligated to share with the body some of the proceedings. And, upon that kill, we should not be charged with manslaughter but premeditated murder. The bill was heard