

Lancaster, whether we're talking about Douglas County, we're talking about Scotts Bluff County, what's wrong with leaving the decision up to them people? This is what it amounts to. Whether Buffalo County, let's not get confused here whether this is a local problem, whether a rural problem, this deals with Omaha, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, North Platte, whatever, leave the decision up to the...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...local people, they don't...thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. We will now go to Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, I guess have a little more interest in this than I really thought I did a few days ago or a few weeks ago. I didn't really take the time to educate myself, let the other committees handle it and when it comes to this point then I will get involved. This also involves the Platte River so when you talk about the Platte River you're talking about something different than the Niobrara River, to me. This, to me, involves spot zoning. Spct zoning doesn't work. We have the Platte River south of Grand Island. Many, many years mothers took their small children down there, they waded in the Platte River. You put your canoes in there, maybe a few ATVs even snuck in there once in a while. I'm not quite sure but kind of think it did happen. Kind of think my boy had to take his tractor and go pull a four-wheeler out of there one time, too, but got in there. But, needless to say, it was a nice entrance to the Platte River Park, fairly well taken care of. It was the public that somewhat spoiled it because they could not contain their beer cans and their whiskey bottles. It was not the young kids and mothers and so on. So it was a county decision. But you know what happened? Between the Platte River and the interstate, as you leave Grand Island and go east, you look a little bit to the south and you've got a pile of cement probably as high as the roof here, 30, 40 feet high piled there now by the Roads Department. Makes a beautiful area, really does, really looks good driving down the interstate from Grand Island going east. That's what you find by county zoning and what can happen. My question is also, why not the NRDs? Those folks are working with water. They're planning nearly every day. All due respect to Senator Cudaback and the county boards but I will venture to say if you would call home