

natural area in any way that would negatively impact the values without consultation with the Director of Game and Parks. For one thing, we didn't know what consultation meant. You know, what does consultation mean? Does that, as Senator Warner has said, imply concurrence? We don't know that and we could see times where there may be lawsuits to determine exactly what we are talking about when we say consultation. But we were concerned about the landowner on down the road beyond this land that has been set aside by its owner. What if there needs to be a county road go down there to serve that person, that is on beyond? So we could see situations where local governments may really be tied up and certainly the person that wants his land in this registry is welcome to put it in there, but the concern was that we would be negatively impacting another person on down the road that could not get a road to his place or an improved road there just because between him and the better road there was this land that was in the registry. So since this is a voluntary bill, this allows the landowner to put the land into the registry and then again take it out. It seemed prudent that we should put language in here which ensured that local governments would not be tied up in litigation to determine what consultation meant and furthermore, some of the proponents of the bill said they had no...that that's what they really meant. They really meant notification and some of them did not have any objection to that language as I recall the public hearing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As a member of the Natural Resources Committee I participated in this hearing and, of course, the purpose of the bill is to allow a landowner that is interested in conserving something that seems to be unique about his land and allows him to have access to and support from the National Nature Conservancy and the Game and Parks in managing those unique items. He is also allowed to use the land in any way he pleases and it seemed only prudent that if some public entity had some use that needed to be made of that property, to make it less burdensome to do so, of course with the consent of the property owner. And with that, I'd suggest we support the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, again, I want to say that I commend the people who brought this bill to the