

designation of the Niobrara River, and that total area that is being considered as a scenic river designation is in my legislative district. I am convinced it is bad for my legislative district and the state as a whole. It will remove some of the control of the area by the local landowners and the people, the majority of the people that own land in that scenic designated area or that may be designated are opposed to it. And so I certainly do appreciate the efforts of Virginia Smith in opposing that designation, as well as the huge number of other things that she has done for the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator McFarland and Senator Dierks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask "Congressman" Lamb a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, he's gone. That's all right. You don't have to come back. It's trifling. I was just going to ask if he is intending to throw his hat in the ring. That sounded mighty much like an I'm about to announce speech and I just wanted to be sure, for the record, if he is willing to announce at this time. Since he's back, was that a prelude to maybe you putting your hat in the ring too?

SENATOR LAMB: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. Senator Wesely, and this is in all seriousness, I think when you offered a resolution on Hoag...now Congressman Hoagland, I think that I was critical of some of the things in it. I'm not critical of what is in this one for Congresswoman Smith because I don't know anything about her other than what I read in the newspapers. But I served, I served with that other fellow that you mentioned and to know some people is not to love them.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, I just think that Senator Barrett has done a commendable thing in bringing a resolution to honor someone who has done public service for our state. I think we should look beyond the party affiliation and particular issues on particular individuals. I think public service is something