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LB 192, 224, 250, 316, 341, 359, 477, 511
648, 724, 724A

LB 359, LB 477, LB 192, LB 316, LB 648, LB 224, LB 250, LB 341, LB 724, LB 724A all to Select File, some have E & R amendments attached. (See pages 958-65 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, motion offered by Senator Lamb is to place LB 511 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Government Committee. Senator Lamb offered his motion on March 1, it's on page 875 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, on your motion.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, it's not often that I offer a motion to revive a bill which has been killed by committee. Maybe they are all listening, yes, I think they are. As I have just said, it's not often that I offer a motion to pull a bill which has been killed in committee but I feel compelled to do this. I believe that I must not have made a good presentation on the...in the hearing on LB 511. LB 511, if you want to open your bill books, is a very simple bill, a very simple bill and, frankly, I was surprised it was killed in committee. This bill merely expands the authority of county boards to protect rivers and streams. It allows a county board to designate a scenic river in the county and to take whatever steps are necessary in order to protect that river. Now some people will say the county boards already have what constitutes a zoning authority and they do. However, many county boards are reluctant to zone the whole county when all they want to do is zone the river corridor and this bill allows them to zone the river corridor without zoning the rest of the county. It also does not require a comprehensive plan and one of the objections of counties to having countywide zoning is that the comprehensive plan is very expensive but is not seen to be necessary in these situations where they only want to zone and have control of what happens in the river corridors. Now this is a bill which applies to the whole state. It's not designed to just affect one area of the state. This...this involves all the rivers of the state and all counties. Now some people have said that this is directed toward the Niobrara and, frankly, I would...I would admit that the Niobrara Scenic River federal bill spurred this on. However, as you well know, the federal...the federal law when it is passed will supersede this one. It will not be in conflict. It will not be in conflict. But if this bill is passed, then other streams in the State of Nebraska can be protected by county board members. Now in committee I offered some amendments. The amendments, in my