

February 7th. It was not killed until February 27th. There was 20 days in between there and during that process, after the hearing, and it was, I think, a good, long, full hearing with many people coming in from up in the Niobrara area, literally no one outside of that specific area speaking on behalf of the bill, so it really does focus on the Niobrara River question which has been around for quite some time. But we had the hearing on February 7th and on February 8th we had an Executive Session and the bill failed to advance at that time. The bill was brought up in Executive Session again on February 13th where it was discussed and then on February 27th, by that time we had accumulated several amendments that were brought forth by various friends of the measure. One of those amendments that we adopted was the discussion relative to other counties, the concern with each county having this autonomy to structure a designated protected stream or scenic river designation, whatever it was, in a very piecemeal fashion and we would have possibly 93 different proposals out there and then people in our earlier conversations that we shared with the introducer probably didn't make a lot of sense. So an amendment came in that came in that talked about how the cooperation between counties that if one county came on board, the next county would have to follow through and follow suit with a similar proposal. That, we also felt was somewhat convoluted because the first county on board then, as you get to those linkages, as you go, what kinds of pressure is put on each county. There was another amendment that I think was a legitimate amendment brought forth by Senator Lamb which dealt with the changing of the name in the bill, rather from scenic river to protected stream so it's not confused with the federal kinds of designations because it certainly should not have that title and that was adopted. One that was not adopted at that time that Senator Lamb also brought was adding to the bill and if you look at the bill, if you read the first paragraph or the first section of the bill which is probably the most salient, on Section 1 it talks about the Legislature finds that there are rivers and streams in Nebraska which with their immediate environments possess outstanding, remarkable scenic recreation, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, and in that next amendment came the addition of the desire of the introducer to include economic and agriculture in with fish, wildlife, recreational, scenic and other things of that nature and then several committee members balked at that inclusion as being something quite different than really what was on the table. Then in that first section it also goes on to talk about the Legislature further finds that counties are the most