

have their local officials in charge of this zoning than the state or the federal. This bill is permissive if that local group of officials, the county board wants to do something, they can do it. They can zone that corridor and do what the people would like to do without all the red tape of involving the state in there. Now, Senator Wesely keyed in on the Niobrara River and, of course, as I mentioned before, that's what, you know, brought this problem to my attention, but it does not just deal with the Niobrara River. It deals with every river in the state. It gives these county boards the opportunity to do what they need to do and, as I mentioned before, this is not going to affect the federal bill. The federal bill is going to prevail. It's going to come first. It's not...these local regulations are not going to override any federal legislation that could come down. But we have been criticized by some of our people in the congressional delegation because we have not done anything on the local level to protect these rivers. So I'm saying, here, here is a bill which does do it, which does provide an opportunity for those county boards to do something which is within their power. And so it is a response to some of the things that we have heard from some of our congressional delegation. But other roads will be...or other rivers would be affected. It's not just one river. And Senator Conway talked about the amendments and I appreciate the fact that the committee considered two of the three amendments that I proposed and adopted those amendments but there was some objection to a couple words in the third amendment. I'm not hung up on that other amendment and I would not bring forth to this body the objectionable part of that third amendment if this bill gets on the floor. To me it's not...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: ...significant. But I would like to have the bill on the floor and probably the two that the committee adopted would be...would be accepted. I would like to give the rest of my time to Senator Cudaback.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Cudaback, you have about 40 seconds.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have been on a county board for 10 years or better. County boards do not go out looking for trouble, are not going out looking for new adventures. They do what the people in the local community want them to do. Whether we're talking about