

agency, the managing agency is an agency usually at the state level which coordinates or cooperates with different...in different degrees with the various local governments but they are the lead agencies and the managing agencies. And I think that's the way it should be. I don't think we should give broad powers to state agencies to declare rivers all over this state as scenic rivers. I think the Legislature should identify those that are important to the state as a whole. But once they are identified, then I think it should be a decision of all the people and not a decision of the local people.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just to give you an example of the kind of attitude that I think does not represent the attitude of people generally in this state but which represents the attitude of one county that under this bill could stop everything in that county, Keya Paha County, the county board of commissioners' statement says this, we believe that the Niobrara River in its present state is only a large drainage ditch where we are losing our surplus groundwater. No further statement. No balancing statement. That kind of attitude, to me, represents the very reason why the system that's set up in Senator Lamb's bill is not workable, not right, not fair.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now go to Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, I have spoken my piece and so I would relinquish my time to Senator Lynch.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support returning the bill to the floor. I hope you will bear with me, I will tell you why. Strip zoning is nothing new at all. For a long time Douglas County had planning and zoning and, in fact, we had to live with the stupid three-mile and two-mile limits that exists, an area within the planning and zoning jurisdictions of cities where people's land use is determined for them but where people can't vote for the people that make those kinds of determination. So I share the concern local government being involved with the decisions that should be made to determine how their land is used. But also we had to drag the City of Omaha kicking and screaming into flood plain zoning.