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want to reiterate too much what's been said here, so I'll just make a very brief statement. I, too, believe that we should be in favor of protecting our scenic rivers and streams. And I believe that counties should have a strong voice in how these rivers are protected. But as the memo that came to you yesterday mentioned, and as the...one of the testifiers at the committee said, if we're serious about protecting Nebraska scenic rivers, then it should be with the participation of the state with all of its resources. The Legislature and the Governor should be involved in this decision-making process and helping decide which waterways need protection and merit protection. This bill does factor you and the administration out of that decision. And, for that reason, I do not support bringing LB 511 onto the floor. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We'll now go to Senator Beutler. I do not see Senator Beutler. We'll go to Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Elmer has asked for call the question. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now proceed to vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Lamb, to close on your motion.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I appreciate the good debate we've had this morning. I think it has been instructive to all of us. I would comment on a couple of things that I have not touched on before. And one of them is the fact that, if this bill gets on the floor by this vote, then those people, who have objections to the bill in its current form, will have their opportunity. They will have their opportunity to amend the bill to do what they think it should do. I think those people...Senator Warner mentioned that this is an opportunity that we may not have again, if this bill is killed, because I think there is widespread concern across the state about our rivers and the protection of those rivers. And this bill will allow an opportunity for both the supporters of the bill, in its present form, and the opponents of the bill, in its