

could not override those. Those are the main parts of the bill, as amended. I would stress again that these changes, I think, make it a better bill. It makes it a bill which does have statewide continuity in that the Natural Resources Commission would be involved in the first step in designating a protected stream, that that action by the Natural Resources Commission, which is made up of 16 members from all over the state, would have to agree and pass a resolution that a certain portion of a stream or a river should be protected. So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. We do have an amendment to this amendment, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morrissey would move to amend the Lamb amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I would like to pull that amendment, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. We will...we will continue discussion then on the Lamb amendment. Senator Beutler, on the Lamb amendment. Senator Beutler, on the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, speaking as honestly as I can, I believe that the Lamb amendment makes his bill a lot worse rather than a lot better. And I say that because, with his amendment, it will not only be improbable that there will ever be a scenic river designation but it will be almost impossible. And the reason why is this, is that he has involved the state, not as a facilitator of the process but as another obstacle to the process. The way his amendment starts out, it basically says that the Natural Resources Commission may designate a protected stream. It doesn't say that they have to. It doesn't say anything about how the process works, who applies, what criteria are used, what kind of approval there is, what kind of advice they get from other people and all of this is going on in an agency that has no particular expertise in this particular area. And so, first of all, you have the commission there, sitting there by itself. And then what happens? If the commission says somehow that there will be a segment, then it says the counties are the units that are going to be counted upon to implement the plan and yet it does not say that the counties "shall" implement the plan, it