

may say "may". So, first, but on the other hand, the counties can't act until the Natural Resources Commission acts. So you have this incredible situation where the Natural Resources Commission may never say act, in which case the counties can never act on their own or even if the Natural Resources Commission does say, let's act, the counties can reject it. Furthermore, there is nothing in the bill that requires any sort of cooperation among the counties. Now in this particular type of legislation, of course, we're counting on cooperation because probably the river segment is going to go through several jurisdictions. There may be counties on opposite sides of the river. There is nothing in the bill that forces counties to cooperate and so you have a situation where several counties would have to cooperate, not only would they have to cooperate but they would have to have basically the same types of regulations in order to have any meaningful structure for a scenic river designation. The whole design of the amendment, if you look at it in a very realistic kind of way, as to how it would work, is to put one more obstacle in the way of thoughtful consideration of a scenic river designation. Absolute control, just as in his original bill, absolute control ultimately is still with the counties, still with the individual counties and that, in my opinion, is the problem generally with the way that Senator Lamb wants to structure this scenic river bill. There are things more important that should be considered at the statewide level. Some of these scenic...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...river areas are of value to all of us, just as Chimney Rock is, just as Fort Robinson is, just as Toadstool Park is. There are features unique to be shared by all generations from all areas of the state into the indefinite future. And it should be a matter of state policy with plenty of local input but it should be a matter of state policy as to how and when and where the scenic river designation is made. There are other problems with the Lamb amendment and I hope that others will address it or that I can address it at a later point in time. Thank you.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just wanted to rise in support of Senator Lamb's amendment. I've