

deeply into a discussion of the Natural Resources Commission versus other elements as far as lead agencies are concerned on this particular type of development. But just let me point out to you the Natural Resources Commission is a completely nondemocratic institution. It's an institution that's heavily geared towards rural areas and towards irrigation interests. I mean, there's no two ways of looking at that. It has no relationship to the population of the state. And I think they do...the Natural Resources Commission has done an excellent job. I've been a long supporter of the Natural Resources Commission and the Natural Resource Districts, but they do not perceive their interests to be recreation. When things related to recreation are proposed to them, almost always they will reject it. They don't view their job that way, which is fine. There are other agencies that do have an interest in recreation, that we have designated in our state and every state designates some interest, some agency to take the lead in particular areas. Game and Parks is the agency that is most related to recreation in this state. They run our park system. They run our hunting programs. They are the agency that has the most expertise on things of this nature. The...the whole idea of a scenic river designation, of course, is to provide for some sort of plan involving elements of a plan that protect the scenic river area. And I would like to point out to you that Senator Lamb's amendment really contains no such criteria. There is no power to deal with critical elements that are part of every instream or part of every scenic river idea. There is no provision, for example, for dealing with instream flows. Now there's nothing more critical to a scenic river kind of area than the protection of the river flows. And yet Senator Lamb's bill says nothing of substance with regard to instream flows, how that's protected, how the water quality is protected or what sort of powers the...the governing units may have with regard to the protection of river banks and development of river banks. There are national organizations that...that do put out good materials with regard to the types of things you should look for in scenic river bills, the types of things that need to be considered. They talk about a bona fide system of protected rivers and segments, looking at systems. There is no such system viewpoint in Senator Lamb's amendment. We have talked about the nondegradation provisions with regard to water quality. We have talked about the lead agency and the problems there. If you go down the list of the types of things that you need, the coordination, the vision, the structure that you need to put into effect of meaningful scenic river designation area, most