

all of those things are missing from Senator Lamb's proposition. You know, it seems so often that we end up with the federal government coming in and telling us what to do. In area after area, that seems to happen. And I suggest to you that nobody here likes that. In fact, everybody here, I think, has a strong distaste for that. But, honestly,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...one of the reasons that we get it is because we don't take reasonable measures, ourselves, to do what needs to be done. And, to me, this is an example, once again, of where instead of trying to address the problem in a constructive kind of way we call it scenic...a scenic river bill but it's really a let's be sure there are no scenic rivers bill, because that's the way, in fact, the provisions are structured. And I would ask you to consider some...some structure which has a positive way of addressing that particular issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Beutler, I would just remind you that the people who serve on the Natural Resources Commission are elected to local NRDs. Most of them, in districts they are elected at large, and so every segment of the state is represented there. They are then elected by their NRDs on a watershed basis to the State Natural Resources Commission and the other three at-large members are appointed by the Governor. I don't know how you could get more and a fairer representation than that. So I think the Natural Resources Commission is an excellent place to start.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, if I could ask Senator Lamb a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, will you respond, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How long a strip of water...or...are they going to designate? Is it one mile or is that up to the county or the Natural Resource Commission or so forth?

SENATOR LAMB: The length of the strip that would be designated by the Natural Resources Commission would be up to that