

April 5, 1991

LB 511, 700

Journal.) 41 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 7 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 700 passes. We will now proceed to General File. I would announce right away this morning that we are just going to continue to work straight through today. We're not going to stop for the lunch hour. We're going to continue to work straight through. I'd like to work until two or two-thirty if we could today, so I would encourage my colleagues to stay close to the Chamber so we can get some work done. Mr. Clerk, LB 511.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 500 (sic) originally introduced by Senator Lamb. (Read title.) Senator Lamb successfully pulled the bill from committee, Mr. President. Yesterday when the Legislature discussed it he had an amendment pending. That amendment may be found in your bill books. It is AM0907.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, on your amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I thought I heard the Clerk say LB 500, but he meant 511 if he did say 500. Nevertheless, this is LB 511 which was the bill which is designed to protect the rivers in the state and we've discussed this. I'll try not to be too repetitive because we've discussed this bill before and we discussed it briefly yesterday afternoon when a number of people were not present. We are on my amendment to the bill which is AM0907. It is in your bill book, and very briefly this is what it does, and I have circulated a statement as to what the amendment does. But the main part of the amendment is that it involves the Natural Resources Commission that no county board will be able to zone this river corridor without first the commission, Natural Resources Commission, having designated that stretch as a protected river. This amendment is designed to meet some of the objection that we heard about the bill previously. It does provide some statewide oversight and I think will help the situation that some people say would be created because the county boards might operate in different manners on the river, but they would not be able to do anything until the Natural Resources Commission designated it as a protected river. I was distressed yesterday to hear Senator Beutler say that this made the bill worse. He was very critical of the bill in the first place and this amendment is designed to make the bill better. I think it does make the bill better. Another part of the amendment would make sure that the county