

SENATOR LAMB: I would not...I don't think I could characterize it that way. I would say that there is nothing in the bill at this point that forces the county board to zone.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In other words, if a county board wanted to ignore what the Natural Resources Commission said, under your amendment the way it is now, they could absolutely do that.

SENATOR LAMB: That is correct. However, there is an amendment coming up which I may support. I think Senator Morrissey has an amendment that would require the county board to zone that corridor if the Natural Resources Commission declared that it should be a protected stream. I think that has some merit and I would not object too strenuously to that amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it not also correct, Senator Lamb, that with regard to cooperation among the counties, that if one county chooses not to do anything and another county chooses to do something, that there is nothing that the county who chooses to enact protective measures can do to force the other county to cooperate. Is that not true?

SENATOR LAMB: It would not be true in those cases where the river forms the boundary between two counties. In that case, the two counties have to act jointly and have similar restrictions or similar zoning restrictions in that case.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And if one county was not pleased with what the other county did, there is nothing that forces them to cooperate on this is there?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, that's correct and that's the major point of the bill is we're going for local control as far as we can, and I think that's where the control should be.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Lamb. You know really this is just a basic split in philosophy. If you're aesthetic vision of the state is that the most beautiful, the most treasured, the very best things that we have in the state by way of our natural inheritance, if your view of that is that it should be allowed to be chopped up by the narrow jurisdictions of the counties, then you should vote for Senator Lamb's amendment. But I submit to you that there are other ways of doing this that represents more of a compromise between local interests and state interests and which recognizes that there