

are some things that are beyond what should be decided at the local level. There are a few things. We do have a natural inheritance. We need to have some vision.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The idea of local control is important, but the idea of local control shouldn't so dominate our thinking that we give away to local parochial interests those things that are the treasures of the state. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I support Senator Lamb and I just want to remind people that it seems to me that so often the principle of local control works only when it works on behalf of the urban areas. I do not want to make this a rural-urban fight, but so oftentimes we seem to get the impression that when our urban friends wish to, upon rare occasions, transport themselves to the countryside, that they are entitled to the full benefits and enjoyment of that countryside without regard for the concerns of the local individuals. The reverse does not hold true, however. As we approach the cities, the metropolitan class cities, the primary class cities, even the first class cities, those entities exercise their jurisdictional rights without regard for the concerns of those of us who live outside of them. Senator Lynch has brought up several good points relative to the cities exercising control outside their city limits when the individuals involved have no voice whatsoever in city government. I know are there those who will say this is a poor contrast. It may be but it's the best I've got at the moment and the facts are that as you travel across Nebraska, and once you get west of 10th Street in Lincoln, there is a lot of it out there and you find millions of acres of land, hundreds and hundreds of miles of rivers and streams that no man has probably set foot on except the landowner whose land borders that area, never will. I'm concerned I believe about what is proposed in some of Senator Beutler's remarks, that is that we designate certain areas for a certain purpose, and then from that point forward, it bears that designation even though the individuals who perceived it to be of value are no longer concerned and later generations do not conceive it to be of value. The fact that today an editorial writer, a legislator, some other local individual, elected or otherwise, takes an interest in one