

April 5, 1991

LB 511

SENATOR WARNER: Clerk, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's (sic) amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. The call is raised. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is a priority motion. Senator Conway would move to bracket LB 511 until January 15, 1992.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, LB 511, if you remember, was pulled from committee after it was killed by the Government Committee after a great deal of analysis and time was spent on the issue. And I think, at least in terms of speaking for myself and I'm sure various committee members had various reasons for that kill, we objected to bringing the bill out at that time and I offer this bracket motion because I don't think the bill is ready. I had the bracket up there earlier and I allowed Senator Lamb to go with his amendments which, in my mind, still did not address the real concerns that I had for LB 511. The issue, as you well know, is tied to the federal designation that is being processed in Congress now, I don't think comes to us with the concern of Senator Lamb or even most of his constituents with respect to developing good scenic river and water policy for the state. It was simply intended to be some methodology that they could say it got passed so that they could probably attempt to tell the feds that it's not necessary in order to pass the federal legislation because we now have state legislation in the books. Totally removed from that issue is where I'm coming from. When, in fact, we talked about the Natural Resources Commission, and I think Senator Schrock yesterday alluded to the fact that the Natural Resources Commission was an obvious appropriate place, and I agree that Natural Resources is an appropriate place to do some of the planning and some of the activities that should go with the designation of rivers, but I think they need to go far beyond simply declaring a river to be a designated scenic or the various terms that we're using in the bill, whether it be scenic river or I believe a protected waterway or whatever was in the