

side rail the federal legislation because I think that's going to happen with or without 511. But if we're going to do something and if the federal legislation does not pass, and I think we're at the point, too, where Senator Lamb has raised an important issue. We have other waterways besides the Niobrara that we ought to be concerned with and we ought to be working towards some kind of statewide policy to address those streams. So I offer the bracket motion with the idea that this does need more work. The committee tried to work the bill as we could in committee, couldn't get very far with it. Senator Lamb's amendments I don't think are even coming close to addressing the specific concerns that many of us had, and it needs to be rereferred, it needs to be bracketed, it needs to be whatever in such a way that it could be studied, and we ultimately do have a plan that is going to affect the whole state, not just the concerns that the Niobrara has right now. So with that, I offer the bracket motion and really hope that the body will support such a motion and maybe redirect it for study.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. On discussion on the motion to bracket, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, of course, I vigorously oppose the bracket motion. It's the same as a kill motion and Senator Conway said that this is not a statewide bill. It is a statewide bill. It does not just affect the Niobrara. I would admit that it was brought forth because of the situation that we have encountered in regard to the Niobrara River, but it is a statewide bill. And what about a study? All right. That's exactly what my amendment does. It gets the Natural Resources Commission involved which is the logical group to make a study and before they make their recommendations. So as far as I can tell, Senator Conway's concerns have been mitigated, that the amendment here does put some oversight, some statewide oversight into the bill which is good, is good, and I appreciate the comments that we had on the floor and from the committee previously, that that was one of the major objections and I have made a good faith effort to meet those objections. I think this bill is in good form, should not be bracketed, should be passed and I ask you to not vote for the bracket motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. On the motion to bracket, Senator Schmit.