

SENATOR BEUTLER: So I hope you will consider very seriously the bracketing motion. It makes sense. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dierks, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm opposing this bracket motion also. I still am having the same problems today that I had yesterday when we talked about giving control to the counties. At this time, there is no control out there and I happen to believe that county officials are responsible and would give adequate thought to any control measures they would put on these rivers. So I guess that I don't understand the argument that counties should not be involved here and it should be done on a statewide basis. We still have the Natural Resource Commission involved in their providing sort of godfather guidance over the whole thing. I certainly have no opposition to the counties doing this, setting up these zoning restrictions, and I just oppose the bracket motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. We'll now go to Senator Schrock on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the legislative body, I, too, oppose the motion to bracket. It looks like a good plan to me. I don't think we're going to accomplish anything by waiting. The Natural Resources Commission is a tremendous body to designate a scenic river. Thirteen of those officials are made up of elected NRD board members who are represented at each watershed in the State of Nebraska. So I oppose this motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Lamb, further discussion on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Well, Senator Beutler and Senator Conway say this bill should be bracketed. I disagree, I disagree. I have spent a lot of time on this bill. I don't think it's going to be improved over the interim. Now let me...and I did appreciate very much this body helping me raise it from the committee. To me, that is an indication that this body is ready to act, that the bill has merit, and that we should continue in that direction because, frankly, this is a method of killing a bill. There are a lot of ways to kill a bill and Senator Beutler just handed it one. He