

said there will be a lot of discussion, a lot of discussion. Well, maybe that's not a filibuster. Maybe it's legitimate and it is in many cases, and I appreciate Senator Beutler in his many amendments that he brings on this floor. A lot of them are very good. Some of them I probably don't agree with, but he does do a service to this body when he looks at a bill and with his great ability at grasping flaws in bills, he will from time to time come up with a flaw in the bill. And I saw him do that when he first came into the Legislature and then he took his five years off and he is doing it now and he's honed his skills, and he does do a service to the Legislature. But at a certain point, it is my opinion, he overdoes it, he overdoes it from time to time. But to say that this bill is going to be improved by next January is really not being, in my opinion, up front. It is one of the many methods by which opponents of bills on this floor have to kill a bill. That's the simple fact. You, who have been here for some time, know that's true and I think the new people in this body are quickly learning that. So I would just ask that you do not vote for the bracket motion.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm not going to ask Senator Beutler, but I'm going to ask the membership in general, both those who support Senator Lamb and those who support the Beutler and Conway position. How many of you have ever seen that portion of the river which is in question here today? I would wager not more than a handful, and if you did, you probably saw it from an airplane flying over at 30,000 feet, but not very many of you got out and traipsed up and down the river. Not very many of you canoed it or traveled it in any other manner. For the most part, the discussion here is about something we are not very familiar with. One of the points that always amazes me again is this, how easily we can interject ourselves into what is, in some instances, a local issue. You cannot get around the fact that the people most impacted by this legislation, whether it shall be state or whether it shall be federal, are the local residents. Those individuals are the ones whose rights, I think, and whose desires ought to be considered first. There are people who will speak loud and long about the necessity of designating that portion of that river as a scenic river who will never ever see it, who could care less, but because of certain reasons want to create that designation. I respect those who do so out of a sincere desire to preserve it