

essence is a kill, but I can't deny that because I went through the process of leading the charge and having the bill killed once and so, obviously, that is partly the point. But why do I want the bill killed? I don't have a problem. The issue, in my mind, is fine, it's laudable, it's worthy of addressing and I've got no problem with the issue. It's this bill. This bill is not, I think, in the best interest of the State of Nebraska to have this particular technique to accomplish the whole idea of protected streams and protected waterways. The federal designation in terms of what is going on in the Niobrara is not my fight. It never has been. I have mixed emotions about the federal designation specific, but in terms of being up front, in terms of where I'm coming from, it's the analysis that I put into this bill with this technique, that I do think that we probably do have streams and rivers that are worthy of being protected in one fashion or another. I think it's probably appropriate, as Senator Lamb put in the bill, that the Natural Resources Commission is one who designates, through their analysis and through their input of their organizations, what streams and waterways and what reaches of the rivers have a worthy need to be designated and protected in one way or another. What I disagree with is that the county is the entity that ought to be doing the protection, because if you have a stretch of river that runs for 50, 60, 70 however many miles and you've got three, four, five, six different counties along that reach, each one of them is going to have a different basis, a different means by which they're going to go about designing this zone pattern, if you will. You also have to realize how each of the counties right now have the authority to do what this bill says they can do. Now it's more expensive for some because they have a zoning authority and they could actually go in and zone now. What these counties don't want to do is actually have zoning in the reaches outside of the cities in these counties, and they have to have a completely established pattern of zoning for the whole county if they want to include rivers in that particular zone pattern, and they don't want to do that although the opportunity is available. The whole idea of bracket and, again, I would like to think that if there was a study, the bill that comes back, if it comes back similar to this one in terms of giving authority to each and every county to have their own technique of protecting the river, I would stand there and try to fight that particular proposal as well. I don't think that bracketing this bill, in my mind about all you're going to do, hopefully, is save LB 511 and the number and the issue will be on the table and a lot of people could go to