

work on the substantive matter within the bill. The bill, in my perspective, is a poorly written bill to establish state policy relative to protecting the streams and waterways in Nebraska. Again, I appreciate the concern that Senator Lamb and Senator Dierks have relative to some of their constituents up on the Niobrara, but this isn't the issue. This is not my direction. My direction is simply directed at the technique by which each county is going to have a provision. If Senator Lamb, like I say, came back in with a Natural Resources Commission not only designating but also establishing what constitutes the means by which you'll protect that stream and it will be consistent along the stream rather than each county being separate, I'd be supporting it. I'm not standing here because of any feeling specifically about the federal designation. That's not why I am here. It's simply the way this is designed that I don't think is good statewide public policy.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Conway's closing on the motion to bracket. We will now proceed to vote on the bracket motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion to bracket fails. The next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1050 in front of me.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, if possibly I could get your attention just for three or four minutes, I think I can explain conceptually what the difference is between what Senator Lamb has done and what I offer to you, and I believe that what I offer to you is, in fact, a compromise. First of all, with regard to the green copy of the bill, and that was the copy where the counties were given absolute authority to act, my amendment does not do anything. It leaves the counties with power to do whatever they want to do with regard to protective measures within their county jurisdictions. Okay? So the counties are left empowered. It then strikes the Lamb amendment so the Natural Resources Commission is out of the picture. And then on top of that