

believe it has been...I don't believe it's in your bill books. I don't believe...I think maybe it has been placed on your desks but I am absolutely certain that there are no people in this room, or almost no people, that know what's in the bill or know what's in the new bill as characterized by Senator Beutler's amendment. And so I would also point out that in the debate earlier Senator Beutler mentioned that something about perhaps his amendment was not properly thought out, or something like that, that he had done it in a hurry and that sort of thing, and I thought at that time that was an admission that, in effect, it's not a legitimate amendment but it is an effort to kill the bill. I would...I would just ask that people do not vote for the Beutler amendment because, if it does become the bill, the Beutler amendment, I would have no recourse except to try to kill the bill because you and I don't know what's in it. It has not had a public hearing and it's not the proper method of proceeding.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Hillman, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address some questions to Senator Beutler, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Senator Beutler, I have two questions. One, again I have some concerns with instream flows and then I would like to tell you about a little project that is currently happening in Scottsbluff County along the North Platte River. There is a nonprofit organization that's already been established that's called Monument Pathways. They have, at this time, hired a consultant and then have developed in excess of a \$1 million plan with the two-mile stretch along the North Platte River that involves the county, two cities, private land, Union Pacific Railroad and the National Park Service in developing walkways and bridges across the North Platte River. Now this project is currently going on in Scottsbluff County so my questions are with your legislation, one, how would instream flows be affected? And, two, what would happen to projects that are already happening in a county that are...have been established, already have funding and are going with all these entities? Where would your legislation enter into this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hillman, good questions, and let me do