

the best I can. First of all, with regard to instream flows, that's one of the most difficult problems to work with, as you can imagine. But what we do is, basically, say that through this concept that comes...that Game and Parks working in conjunction with the local advisory board, once they come up with a concept, that concept will involve a proposition with regard to instream flows. And then Game and Parks...and this is one reason why you need to do it through Game and Parks, Game and Parks will take that concept and go through the regular DWR process for instream flow rights. And they will request the instream flow. They may get it and they may not get it. So we go back through the normal process but you have to remember that the Natural Resources Commission, as currently constituted, cannot go through that process for an instream flow right, only Game and Parks and only a Natural Resource District, not the commission, is authorized to do that. And so that's another flaw with Senator Lamb's version because there's no power there to deal with instream flows which, of course, is one element you want to consider. I invite further questions on that issue if I haven't addressed it properly, but that's the basic concept. With regard to existing projects that you have...that you have going out there, I think that's tremendous and I would suggest to you that the framework that we're putting in place might present some alternatives for you in the sense that if you want the project just to remain local, that's fine. If you don't want the project to remain local, if it becomes too burdensome, this kind of proposition offers you the alternative of some day down the line saying, let's make this a state-funded, in part or in whole, project. It presents an alternative to you and a possibility of support, both financial and with regard to expertise.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schrock, further discussion on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to reiterate again that the proper place for designation of a scenic river would be the Natural Resources Commission. You have 13 watersheds in the state represented there, all elected officials serving on local NRDs. You have three members appointed by the Governor with three separate entities represented there. They have developed recreation areas and turned them over to the Game and Parks Commission. But this is the place to start for scenic river designation. You have the whole State of Nebraska represented. There is