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to declare it a unique area, that we should do something about it. So, with that, I urge you to support my amendment. And Senator Lamb asked for a moment of time and I would yield.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes. After due consideration, I have decided to support the amendment and so let's go on from there.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to vote on the amendment as offered by Senator Morrissey. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Morrissey's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey's amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: To discussion on the bill, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, I hope, as we move to the vote on this measure, that it will be defeated in its advancement. I think the offer of an amendment by Senator Beutler was a legitimate attempt to try and recognize the flaws in the bill. If we truly want to see a decent scenic river act, I think this bill falls far short of that goal. Again, I recall Senator Conway's desire to have the bill looked at in interim study. Senator Beutler mentioned that as well that this was a flawed bill, the committee did kill the bill. The amendments have not improved it to a point sufficient to advance it. Again, it's introduced, I think, primarily to head off federal legislation in this area and, in my view, we probably do need to look at State Scenic Rivers Act, but this is not the solution to that problem. And I would ask for opposition to the move to advance the bill and rather hold the bill here on General File and allow us to study this measure further and perhaps refine the Beutler proposal and other measures similar to it that we might actually have a bill next year that would be adequate in dealing with this very important issue. So I would ask people to vote against the advancement of LB 511.