

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. We will now go to the first amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend the bill. Senator, your amendment is on page 1612 of the Journal, AM1205.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, the amendment that I offer to you, AM1205, was drafted shortly after or maybe during the time of the failure of 511 on the first go round. During that debate much was discussed in terms of how important a scenic river designation or protected waterway or whatever one may want to deem what we're doing is to the State of Nebraska, and as Senator Lamb has said, now with the passage in Congress of the Niobrara bill, this is really no longer a specific Niobrara issue and for anyone who, out of support for Senator Lamb's concern specifically with Niobrara, that really isn't on the table anymore. What we're now dealing with is a statewide concern for the waterways and how we might protect them and how we do it in some kind of organized fashion with proper public policy. Again, this is not a Niobrara bill any longer and as Senator Lamb pointed out, this is a statewide bill and so we all need to become more involved in that public policy with what constitutes proper management of our waterways. The amendment that I offer isn't done in white copy and it has picked up on Section 1 out of Senator Lamb's bill which talks about what we're concerned with in terms of the scenic, recreational, geologic, fish, wildlife, historic, culture, those kinds of terms, all those taken out of Section 1 of Senator Lamb's bill initially. The only real difference is that rather than having a disjointed process by which each governmental entity, that being counties in Senator Lamb's bill, is that we put it together in a statewide fashion. If, in fact, it's a statewide bill, then we ought to have a statewide controlling entity and not have 93 different counties all coming up with whatever plan they so wish that ends up with a jigsaw puzzle of policies and standards and procedures and activities that probably no one can understand including some of those subdivisions that are trying to do it. So what I offer you, if you look in Section 2 of the white copy, or what is white copy, but is in the Journal page 1612, starting in Section 2 it talks about that the Natural Resources Commission will be the one to designate. I believe that was in concurrence with what Senator