

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and who has the desire to please the citizenry of the state by responding to the clear, clear desire of the citizenry to have the scenic river situation dealt with and to have our rivers looked at and some scenic rivers identified and if appropriate, designated.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Schrock and they are under the south balcony and they are from Cozad. They are Mary Gruber and Vicki Prillaman. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Next speaker is Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, there's quite a few things that are going on in this bill and, Senator Beutler, one of the things I'd like to do is look at the argument you just offered and I would like to look at the opposite side of that coin. When you talk about the Natural Resources looking at...represents irrigators and so forth, I would say that the Game and Parks do not allow for any representation by the irrigators. Instream flows are going to be something that we're very sensitive to when it comes to irrigation in the rivers. Scenic rivers, looking at how you can build along the side of it, if you could have boating, has nothing to do really with controlling instream flows and for that reason I will oppose Senator Lindsay's amendment in that I do not believe that the scenic designation belongs to...in the responsibility or under the control of Game and Parks. The commission though, it would give them a new focus, something new to do. They are represented by the rivers as you said and I think that's a plus, not a minus. They also, I think, would bring something in looking at developing that river that would include all users along the river more than those just for recreation. And with those thoughts in mind I will oppose Senator Lindsay's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, again we're down to a difference of philosophies. If indeed you feel we should take the step towards scenic river designation on a state level and again, I think the Conway amendment is the way to go if you want to do it correctly with a statewide view. If