

you want to do it and say we're going to do it and maybe it will get done and maybe it won't, then I think that's the view I take of Senator Lamb's version of the bill. If we're going to do it, let's do it and let's do it right. To me, Game and Parks is the obvious place for this to be in control. They are...the Natural Resources Commission talks about flooding, they discuss erosion control and sediment control, water conservation and soil conservation, watershed protection, et cetera. This is more in the area, in my opinion, of Game and Parks because they are used to recreational benefits and as Senator Lindsay mentioned, do have the ability to affect the instream flows. Now just like the folks, the irrigators pushed through the water resolution earlier and basically by doing so we're saying cities, municipalities, other folks trust us even though you don't have authority or seniority if you will to your municipal water wells. I would hope we could say in this case well we have to trust the Game and Parks. They are not going to go out, in my opinion, and I would not want them to, to go out and designate a scenic river stretch to the complete detriment of the folks along that river. I have more faith in our Game and Parks than that. There would have to be hearings held and all the pluses and the minuses would have to be weighed. If you're going to completely destroy someone's livelihood by making a scenic river designation, I could never support that. I never could and I don't know who could other than the "tree hugger" types that you read about the earth "firsters" and people like that. We have to strike a balance between what we want to do and what we want to preserve and how we want to preserve it. I think we're offering, with the amendments to the Conway amendments, a good balance, a proper way to designate and protect these scenic stretches of river on a statewide basis for the citizens of the entire state. I think Game and Parks is the proper place. They are used to providing this type of function and I trust them. I trust them to do it right. I know working in Natural Resources, I know the people on both commissions, both areas, Game and Parks and Natural Resources and they are all fine people. But this is, in my opinion, an agency with more of an overall state view and not necessarily quite as narrow a view as the Natural Resources Commission. I ask you to consider what you're...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...goals are for supporting a scenic river designation and if your goal is to take a statewide, long-term view to serve the citizens of the entire state and do it in a