

themselves to be an enlightened bunch of sort of people who understand primarily from agriculture perspective coupled with the many members of that commission that are from an urban dwelling as well which is the same way it is across the NRDs in the State of Nebraska, you have a group of people that actually look at things in a much more enlightened point of view than I think some, a couple of people in the body have given them credit for. What it really comes down to this, are you going to talk about loading something from the top down or the bottom up? And I think it's been fortunate in the past in this state for one, when it comes to water issues, we've had a bottom up approach that has local control, the NRDs. And I will agree with Senator Beutler on more than once in his tenure in the Legislature, both pre and post '86, that sometimes the NRDs have not done enough. I would agree with him, but they have indeed made giant strides forwards. But I think with Senator Lindsay's amendment you're saying that you're really talking about, no, the local people, we don't trust you at all; we want something that comes totally from the top down. I think the Conway amendment and with the Natural Resources Commission being the entity that is kind of the father of the whole system, I think you have...it's kind of a bottom up approach to some degree, but it's certainly not a bottom up approach that is totally blind to the needs of all citizens of the State of Nebraska. And Senator Morrissey said, you know, which one better represents all citizens? Well I think in many ways the Natural Resources Commission actually does that better because the Game and Parks Commission, by its very title, is game and parks, recreation and that aspect. And I mean all people do take part in that, yes, Senator Morrissey, but all citizens of the State of Nebraska have a stake in water and its future as well as the future of that river up there in many ways. And I think if you really want all citizens of the State of Nebraska represented, you ought to have the Natural Resources Commission. So with that, I rise to oppose Senator Lindsay's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise as well in opposition to Senator Lindsay's amendment and will be brief and Senator Moore captured most of the thinking that I was conjuring while looking and making a decision relative to Natural Resources Commission versus the Game and Parks. But if you look at the...and go to the Journal on 1612 where I printed the white copy amendment you will see that (1) we've done a