

obligation on the part of the Natural Resources Commission to even consider, to even do any research, to react in any way whatsoever to an effort by a group of citizens to have the matter considered, and that's a serious omission on the Conway amendment and Senator Wesely has sought to fill that gap in what I think is a reasonable kind of process that would not allow just anyone not to force them to react to just any one person or a small group of people, but to force them to react to something that is substantive by way of a request. Now if that needs to be modified at a further stage of debate to make it more reasonable in the eyes of this body, that can be done. However, to...we have been rejecting one substantive amendment after another to the Conway amendment so that the Conway amendment doesn't really do much, and if we're going to reject this one too it seems to me that the Conway amendment is becoming a hollow shell. So I hope that we can at least give some substance to the Conway amendment by at least identifying how this process is set in motion. Don't forget that the Conway amendment wipes out completely the Lamb bill and so if these processes are not set forth in the Conway amendment, they are not set forth at all and that's a major problem. There are several processes that are not set forth but we can correct those on Select File I suppose with some probably fairly extensive debate, but they can be corrected. But at this point the least we could do is resolve the problem of there being no up front process, that is no mechanism for making an application or forcing the Natural Resources Commission to react to an application, and I commend Senator Wesely for addressing that and I hope you'll see fit to fill that one gap anyway.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Any other discussion on the Wesely amendment? Senator Wesely, do you wish to close?

**SENATOR WESELY:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I appreciate Senator Beutler's comments. Clearly, that is the intent of the amendment to try to put into place the implementation of the Conway amendment. It is unclear as to how we would proceed. It may be argued I think, as Senator Warner has, that this process of involving the Legislature could be constitutionally suspect. I don't know that that's the case. I don't know how else to proceed. The idea is that we can't let just anybody come forward with a nomination and have to take the time and effort, you have to have some check and balance to make sure there is some validity to it by having members of the Legislature sign