

off prior to the review, would help ensure that. And to follow that up with action by the Legislature to carry forward with the designation as a protected stream likewise seems to be a check and balance that makes sense to the system. So I do think there is a gap. I do think there is a problem without defining how to proceed and I think this fills the gap and if we need to further refine it, that's fine. Nevertheless, I think the intent of what we're trying to do here is important to get into this amendment and I'd ask for adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to vote on the Wesely amendment to the Conway amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. Anything further?

CLERK: I have nothing further to the Conway amendment, Mr. President, at this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now go to...is there any discussion of the Conway amendment as amended? Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I would urge support of the Conway amendment, but I had hoped we would adopt all the amendments offered. I will be very honest, I will not vote for the bill even as amended by Senator Conway. I feel it makes it better, but since we are now talking about a statewide plan for designation of scenic rivers, I feel that we should do it the correct way. Come back next year, there's no rush, let's come back next year with a bill specifically addressing designation on a statewide basis of scenic rivers, have public input, public hearing by people all across the state, not simply people concerned with the Niobrara designation as we had in the original hearing on LB 511. I think if indeed we're serious about doing this and doing it in a well thought out manner, that that's the method we should use. Bring a bill with the up front purpose of truly protecting those stretches of river that need to be protected across the entire state and allow for the proper input. I really don't think now is the time to proceed with Senator Lamb's bill. I will vote for the Conway amendment because if indeed it passes, Senator Conway's amendment makes the original bill in my opinion a lot better.