

authority to decide what happens in that area. It's somewhat like if Lincoln, the City of Lincoln, did not have the opportunity to do its own zoning. It would rely on some other body, some other statewide body to do the zoning for Lincoln. They wouldn't like that. Well that basically is what Senator Conway's amendment does to this bill. It puts all the authority in the Natural Resources commission and makes the county board only an enforcement agency. I say that is not the way it should go. It should be a shared responsibility. The local people should have some authority just as cities have authority over their own zoning and that's not bad, that's good. Certainly it's not going to be the same from one end of the state to the other. Certainly it should not be the same from one of the state to the other because there are different conditions. There are different conditions in cities. So every city should not be zoned in the same manner. So I would just ask you to reject the Conway amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any other discussion on the Conway amendment as amended? Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Chairman, I rise in supporting the Conway amendment. I think there has been a lot of dialogue on the floor and I was one of those that helped Senator Lamb bring the bill to the floor out of committee. There obviously is a need to look at some type of scenic designation on our rivers and there are many of them. There are many interests along the rivers. In western Nebraska our interests I know are very different than some of the others. But we've talked about this a lot in western Nebraska and one of the things we have determined was, is that of all the users there is enough water, there is enough river space that irrigators, Game and Parks, environmentalists, recreations, all of those can have their needs met if they sit down and discuss a plan to do that. I think having the Natural Resources Commission in a leadership role would be able to bring all those parties together and would be able to address the state as regions and the needs that come up in regions. And so for this reason I will support the Conway amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Any other discussion on the Conway amendment? Seeing none, Senator Conway, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, the Conway