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on the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Mister (laugh)...Mr. President and members of the body, I do want to stand and support this amendment. You don't know how many hours I have spent on it, Senator Beutler was right, back and forth between the people up there on the council and back down here trying to get things figured out. And if we get something figured out, well, then they'd have to have a vote up there and we'd have to wait for their board meeting and it just went back and forth for a long time. I think we really do need something passed this year because when they go back to the courts, like Senator Beutler said, that they'll say, well, that's what they've got here now in...in the...this scenic river area. And this is local control up there because if you look at the bill, well, it says that there's one from each county that's on a commission, there's one from each county that's a landowner, and it also that we put it so that the Governor would appoint them for their positions, and when the Governor appoints them they have to have...the council brings three people that's recommended. If they don't have three people recommended, they could have less, and the reason we had to do that way with because we got a person from the timber industry on it and there's only two people up there that's in the timber industry, so we had to lower that down because they could not give the Governor three, so they had to have just two. So every little thing like that just kept adding up, to try to get it all figured out, and with the Governor appointing them that makes it sound a lot better as far as the federal government there has determined. And there's a lot of other issues, but this here Niobrara...this mission of the council is to assist in all aspects of management of the Niobrara River Council and so I think that's really important. And a lot of the problems up there was talked about on the zoning. Reason...reason they had problems like this on the zoning, we got four counties involved here. We got Cherry County, Brown, Rock, and Keya Paha, and Cherry County is not zoned so it's pretty hard to have one voice when you're talking about the zoning for this here council. So hopefully, if we delay the zoning part for one year, then maybe Cherry County will go ahead and get zoned, and that's what we're hoping, if they want to be in the issue. Because it's hard to talk on...with one voice with one county that's not zoned. And so