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down with a plan and it's our hope that if they do come down with a plan that it will include the Niobrara River Council. And if it doesn't...if we don't have the council in place, the local people may be left out of that plan and may be left out of decisions made in the future. Now you say to yourself, well, the Niobrara River Council, Niobrara River is a remote area of the state, why should we worry about local people? Well, the Natural Resources Committee held a...held an interim study in Valentine last summer and then we canoed down the river. You may not believe this, but they tell me, and I believe it, that on any given weekend in the summertime there may be as many as 2,000 canoes on the Niobrara River. The...the tourist activity up there, the recreational activity is huge and that all impacts what goes on up there. And we think the Niobrara River Council needs to have input on what goes in out...up there or the National Park Service may...may dictate what goes on up there. We think the local input is important and that's the reason I think it's real important that we pass this bill this session. I appreciate the history that Senator Beutler and the legal issue he addresses with the court decision that was handed down, so I appreciate the discussion that's taken place on this and appreciate the body's time. But I think what we're doing here today is rather important and so thank you for your time and I'll yield the rest of my time back to the Chair or to Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, item to the amendment?

CLERK: Senator Wickersham would move to amend the Schrock amendment. (FA393, Legislative Journal page 1617.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open on your amendment to the Schrock amendment to LB 1234. Senator Wickersham, to open.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, the amendment is simply the issue that Senator Beutler and I were discussing. It would appear on page 3 of the amendment and after the word "reject" we're going to also put in the word "or adopt" so that both rejection or adoption would require a two-thirds majority vote. Simply to...again, the issue that Senator Beutler and I were