

Districts for two years before that. Never once did anyone come up to me and say, Dave, what are you going to do about natural resources management in this state? Never once. You go out on the campaign trail for Governor and they will ask you at every stop. They want to know. And you are expected to have some answers. You are expected to be accountable. And apparently we want to turn it over, under the way that this bill was written before and was sent over there, we want to continue leaving the Governor with very little input, very little strength in his hand, and yet remain politically responsible and be the only focal point for public interest on natural resources issues. These are sleepy, quiet, dark corners. Now, that is fine for planning, but when it comes time to put the muscle together and get some projects going you need a galvanizing political force. That is what a Governor can do for you. And one of the difficulties that we have is that these entities do not have the acumen, or the direct relationship to the political process to be able to swing some weight. Governors are held responsible. And, unfortunately, Governors are believed to be the chief executive officers of the executive branch. The people of this state seem to think that Governors run state government, and it is not true. They don't. They run part of state government. But we have seen through it, from amendments just like this, that the Governor doesn't run state government, that through the nomination process, through commissions who pick their own executive directors, that Governors do not run the executive branch. It is time, ladies and gentlemen, to take our foot off the neck of the Governor,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to continue with the policy choice we made last year with a very open, with a process that went through all the bill drafting stage, public hearings and the like, and in essence to uphold the decision that we made in public then, as opposed to the decision that was made on a rather sleepy day here on Select File. It is time to sustain this veto and acknowledge that the executive branch needs more control of the executive branch functions. The planning and management, the oversight from state government to state dollars, state employees should be in the hands of the executive branch. It is the way to get natural resources moving. I oppose the override.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I entirely