

areas around Omaha where you had...where you have had some lakes and recreation areas developed. They have been financed by the Natural Resource Commission and then turned over to Game and Parks Commission. If there is an area that needs to be a recreation area, then it can be turned over to the Game and Parks Commission but the impetus should start with the Natural Resource Commission. That's the proper place because the whole State of Nebraska is represented there. All watersheds are represented. The people who serve on the Natural Resource Commission are very dedicated to soil and water conservation. They have to deal with declining water areas and some declining water tables in some areas of the state. They have to deal with nitrate problems. They deal with all the problems that the State of Nebraska has concerning soil and water conservation. They deal with watersheds. They deal with flood control. It's a natural, Senator Beutler, and that's where it belongs.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, Senator Robak, yours was the last light on. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do wish to close. And, you know, it's interesting that of all the arguments you have heard made against my amendment, with the exception of Senator Schrock's argument about whether it should be the commission or the Natural Resources District, and I would be willing to make that amendment, if necessary, you haven't heard an argument against the substance of the amendment. Now Senator Lamb has stood up and said I'm trying to kill his bill and this is too much, this is not fair. Senator Lamb well knows that if my only desire was to kill his bill, that the way I would have attempted to do that was through substantive amendments of a smaller size, one after another, one after another, one after another, because God knows with the bill, the way it's drafted now, there are substantive amendments by the dozens that could be honestly offered, that could be honestly offered. But I haven't done that. My staff has taken a whole load of time to put together something for you that you could pass along with the provisions of Senator Lamb's bill, and we could hold our heads up high and say, yeah, we've done something really meaningful with regard to scenic rivers, not trivialize