

considered in committee. None of the testimony dealt with that. This type of discussion never occurred in committee. It's the type of thing that should and ought to have been talked about, yet that was not our intent when the bill came up. It was not the sponsors of the bill's intent when that bill came before the committee. It was designed and the bill was written to protect a certain area of the state. That state will now have federal protection. So what this bill is dealing with now is everybody else in here, all of your districts and we ought to be looking how that is going to impact our districts. This is one of those areas that we ought to be looking at and there are good and valid arguments raised on both sides. You can raise very valid arguments that the Natural Resources Commission ought to be overseeing this. I think you can raise better arguments that Game and Parks ought to be overseeing it. I think Senator Beutler hits on one, that fact that in order to protect the stream, as a stream in the state would have to apply for the instream appropriation. Game and Parks can do that. They can do that on their own. Natural Resources cannot and will have to go through Game and Parks or through an NRD to do it. Second, if we look at how we define either in the Conway amendment or in the bill itself the purposes of the scenic river or the protected river, depending on your terminology, it's for those that possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values. We're talking about the types of qualities that are generally under the auspices of the Game and Parks Commission. We talk about hunting and we talk about fishing, we talk about recreation, these are not the types of things that generally go with the Natural Resources Commission. They are the types of things that go in the Game and Parks Commission. So I think you can raise valid arguments for either side. I think those arguments come down on the side of Game and Parks Commission. More importantly, I think this lets us know there is a lot of unanswered questions dealing not only with this amendment, but with the bill as a whole and we ought to be, if we intend to pass the bill, we ought to be debating that very thoroughly today so we make sure that we've got a decent bill by the time we advance it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** You have heard Senator Lindsay's closing on his amendment to the Conway amendment. We will now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Lindsay amendment to the Conway amendment. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.