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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Speaker, excuse me, and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to offer a comment or two about the amendment Senator Beutler has offered. The Department of Agriculture today has their own economic development and product promotion department. They're very, very good at what they do, they've had experience there. They've got a staff that knows exactly how to take care of these entrepreneurial enterprises, and I think that we may be doing a disservice to take the funding away from the Department of Agriculture and put it in the Department of Economic Development at his point. They're already set up to do it and they do know...they know what they're talking about. I guess it's probably not an amendment that's going to do or die, but I just wanted to offer that information to you. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I wasn't going to speak again, but I do want to call your attention to what Senator Beutler does strike Department of Agriculture completely and puts it in DED. One of the things we talked about, and Senator Connealy's comments triggered to my mind, that we needed to have somebody in charge. Originally, we talked about co-, co- doesn't work, somebody has to be in charge, so we decided to go with the Department of Agriculture. If you go with Senator Beutler's amendment, going to DED, there's no provision in the bill whatsoever for consultation with the Department of Ag. It becomes completely DED. So, I thought I better get up again and say something because I think it ought to be somebody in charge, I acknowledge that, somebody has to be in charge. But if you go with Senator Beutler's meaning you're going to have completely DED, there's no reference at all with communications with the Department of Ag and that type of thing. The way we have it in the bill at the present time is Department of Ag with assistance provided by the Department of DED, which I interpret to be communication. So I much prefer the way it is. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Beutler, you're