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the deputy, could be also the engineer. So with that, I'd ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion on the Kremer amendment? Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to engage in a little discussion with Senator Kremer, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, would you yield to a question from Senator Stuthman?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Kremer, at the present time, the director has to be an engineer. Do you...is...at the present time, are there other engineers in there, the deputy director or the assistant director or someone in the leadership role? And what would be the cost saving if we went and supported this vote?

SENATOR KREMER: I wouldn't say that would be a cost saving at all. I have no idea. I think sometimes that's negotiable. I think when Roger Patterson was hired that they had to give him considerably more than what the director before that had. The deputy director I think is an engineer. I don't know, does...the acting director now is an engineer, Ann Bleed. I can't tell you if there was one, a deputy, at that time or not. Was Ann deputy before? So Ann Bleed was the deputy director and she's the acting director now. She was an engineer. She is an...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So, in other words, there still would be an engineer, an engineer in the leadership role, but the actual director would not have to be an engineer. That is what you're trying to accomplish with this?

SENATOR KREMER: That's correct. That's correct. We say they can be, but then there just is a broader pool because we think a person with skills to negotiate with other states and a lot of