

member of that Committee, but why we choose to make such a big fight out of such a small issue, and I think that perhaps our priorities are wrong. The Public Works Committee failed to fight or refused to even get involved in a major reference fight at the start of the session to get those bills and to handle those pieces of legislation that quite properly should have been with the Public Works Committee. The Public Works Committee failed to make any, raise any serious objections to an energy committee that drafted legislation and studied something generally within the domain of the Public Works Committee. It seems to me that those of us of the Public Works Committee like to fight the small battles but really won't fight some of the major ones. I think we ought to let this go the way the Appropriations Committee has put it together, and when we really have something serious to fight about as far as one Committee versus another, then let's do that, but let's not spend a lot of time arguing about something that isn't very important anyway, when we all know that the membership of that Advisory Committee is going to be virtually the same whether they're appointed by the Natural Resources Commission, or whether they're appointed by the Governor. So I urge you at this point in time to reject these amendments and to keep this discussion short.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the bill in its original form, and to oppose Senator Kremer's draft amendments to the Appropriations Committee bill. I'd also like to thank Senator Cullan as a member of the Public Works Committee for supporting the efforts of the Appropriations Committee in this area. The prime difference between the draft that came from the Appropriations Committee versus Senator Kremer's draft...there's a question of legislative involvement, and the degree that the Legislature should be involved in this state water plan, and it revolves around two questions... one is our involvement in the appointment of a public Advisory Committee. Senator Kremer says that the Legislature should in no way be involved in submitting the names of the people that would serve as a public Advisory Committee to this plan. The Appropriations Committee says the Legislature should have some involvement in picking the people that will monitor this plan. Further, is the question as far as the detail of direction, in the Appropriations Committee draft we on the Committee felt that if we were going to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in development of a state water plan that we had the right to suggest certain items