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wants to go ahead and use Jack Hart or in any other manner help with the coordination, that is fine. But let's not reference in our statutes something that doesn't really legally exist. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you yield?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Beutler, if this amendment would pass, what would happen to the Governor's newly appointed coordinator who has the responsibility of bringing the state agencies into line and working together with the Commission when we talk about water policy that comes to the Legislature eventually?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Absolutely nothing would happen to the coordinator. He is authorized under the Appropriations bill and his position is authorized. There is no authorization for him here, so he would continue to exist. The Governor has authority over all the code agencies the way it is, so he can direct his water director to do whatever is necessary with regard to the code agencies, and it would affect his ability to work none whatsoever.

SENATOR KREMER: But anything the Commission would do in the way of policy and their reports coming to the Legislature would not have to be scrutinized by the various code agencies, the University, etcetera?

SENATOR BEUTLER: As you are aware, Senator Kremer, in the water planning process as they do the study they are all working together. For instream flows, for example, the University, Game and Parks, all these different agencies participate and as they participate they all review the work product. So they are all involved in the process anyway, and that is why I have trouble seeing what exactly the function of this new coordinating committee would be except the same function that NRC is performing right now.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I will be supporting the Beutler amendment. I would agree that we